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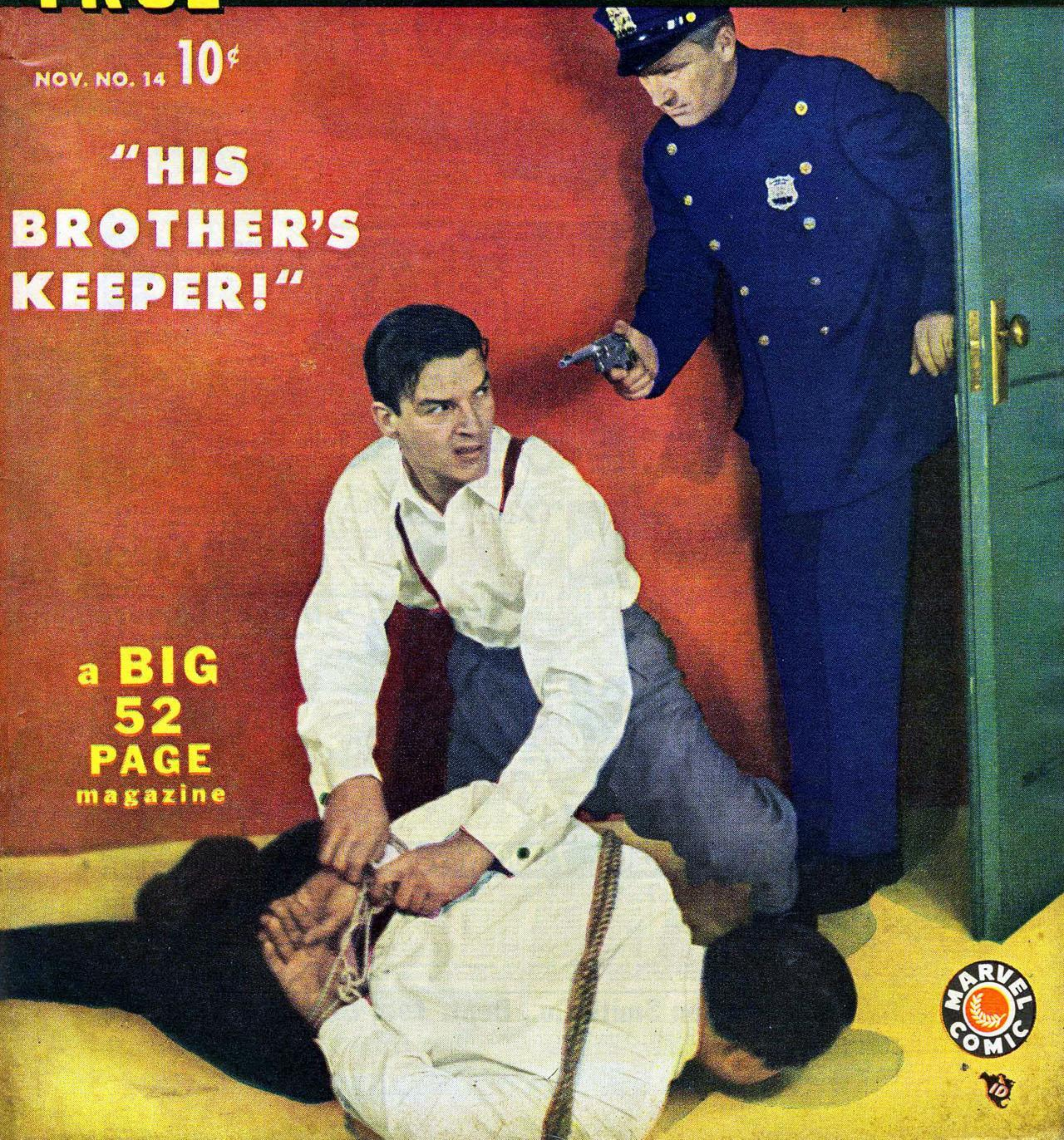
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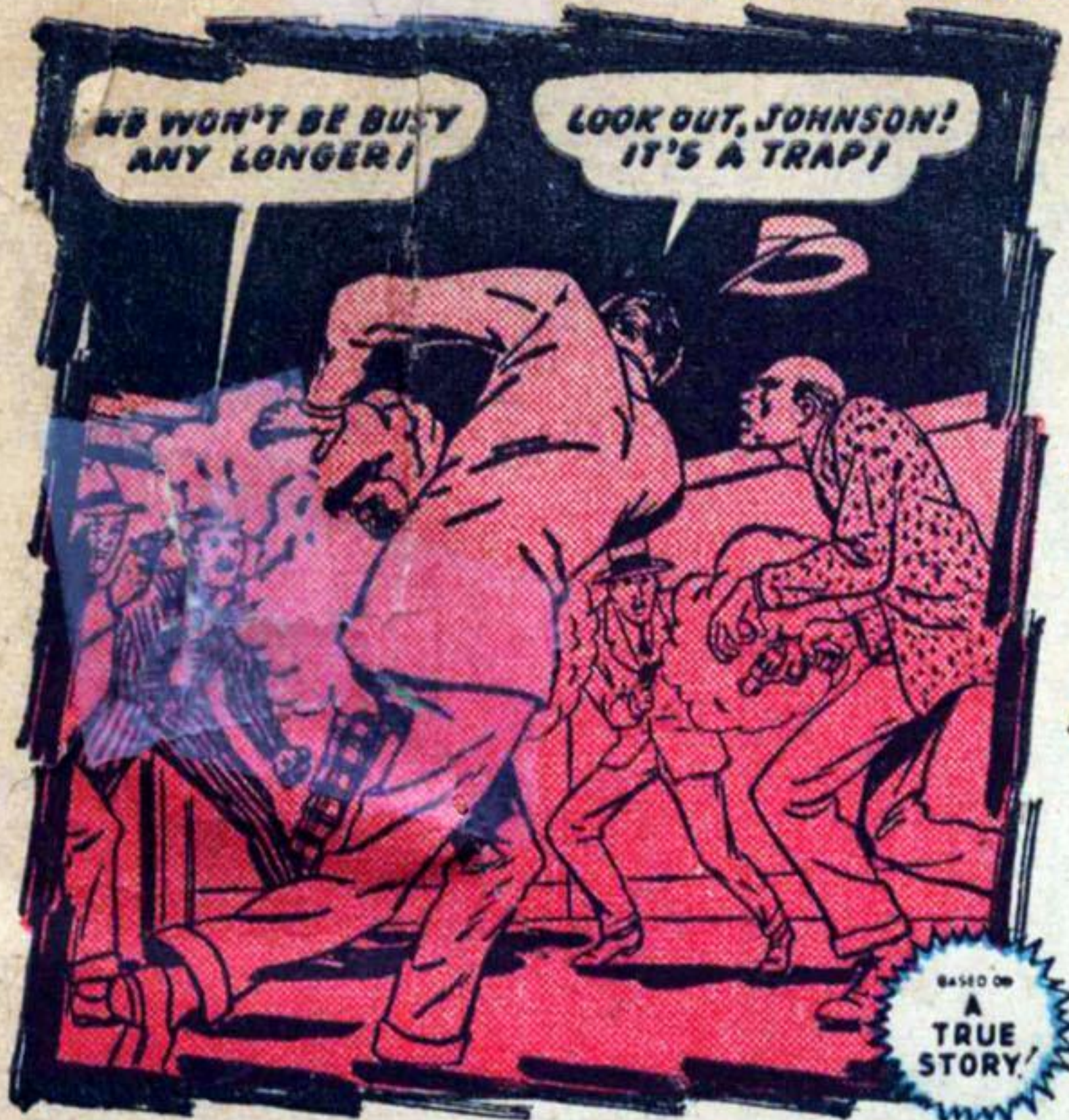
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THE AMAZING STORY OF TIMOTHY CURRAN, ALIAS WHITING

THE KILLER WHO LOVED FLOWERS!

AT THE CLOSE OF 1928, IN PHILADELPHIA, A QUIET-LOOKING, RESPECTED STORE OWNER WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER AND BOOT-LEGGING! THIS IS THE STORY OF THAT MAN, AND THE COLD-BLOODED KILLER WHO DID HIS BIDDING...UNTIL DEATH WROTE FINIS TO THEIR CAREERS!

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IN 1928, WHITING'S FLORIST SHOP DID BUSINESS IN THE HEART OF PHILADELPHIA! BEHIND THE DOORS OF THIS STORE, A MILLION-DOLLAR BOOTLEGGING RACKET REACHED OUT BY TELEPHONE TO A DOZEN DIFFERENT CITIES!

SHE'S ALL SET, WHITING! SOUND AS A DOLLAR! YOU'VE GOT 2-INCH THICK PLATE GLASS IN THERE AND $\frac{1}{2}$ -INCH SOLID STEEL AROUND THE BODY! THOSE VENTS IN THE MOTOR WILL WARD OFF ANY BULLET! YOU CAN DRIVE IT OUT NOW AND BE SAFE AS A CHOIR BOY IN CHURCH! I'LL TAKE THE FORTY GRAND NOW!

ALL DONE, IS SHE? WELL, I'VE GOT A LITTLE TEST I WANT TO MAKE BEFORE I TRUST MYSELF IN ANY ARMORED CAR! HAND ME THAT TOMMY GUN OVER THERE, GREGORY!



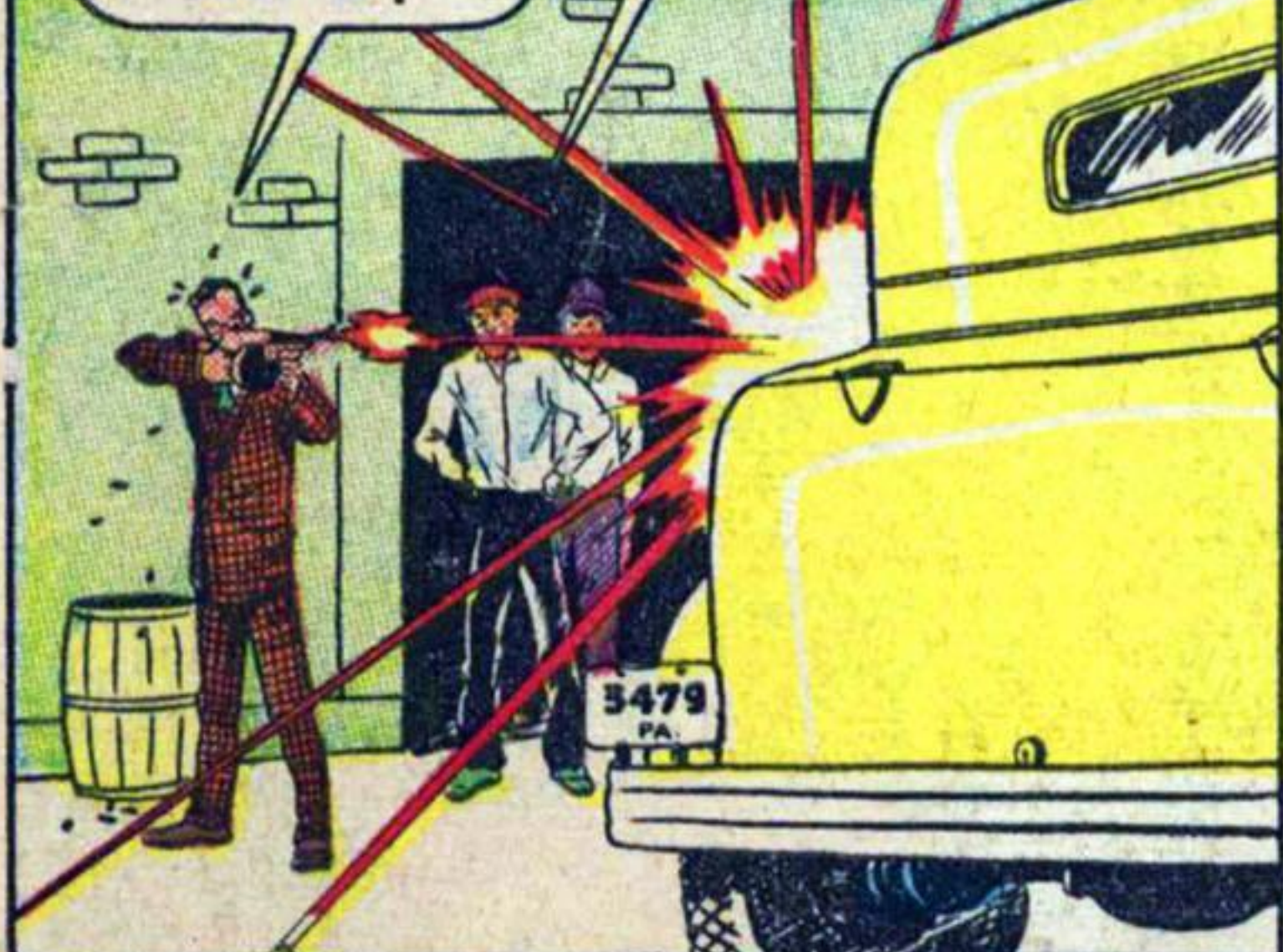
ARE YOU CRAZY, WHITING? YOU'LL JUST RUIN THE FINISH SPRAYING THOSE SLUGS INTO IT! CAN'T YOU TAKE MY WORD FOR IT THAT IT'S OKAY?

WHEN MY LIFE IS AT STAKE, I DON'T TAKE ANYBODY'S WORD FOR ANYTHING! STAND BACK!



IF YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO PAINT THAT CAR OVER AGAIN FOR FREE, YOU'RE CRAZY! THAT PAINT JOB IS WORTH FIFTY BUCKS!

I'M GOOD FOR IT! SHUT UP!



VERY, VERY GOOD! THE BULLETS HARDLY DENTED HER AT ALL! DID A GOOD JOB, GREGORY, AND I'VE GOT THE FORTY GRAND RIGHT WITH ME! NOW GET YOUR MEN BUSY REPAINTING THIS HEAP-- I'LL PAY YOU EXTRA FOR IT! I'M LATE NOW FOR MY BUSINESS!

OKAY, WHITING! JUST SO LONG AS YOU'VE THE CASH, I'M AT YOUR SERVICE! GET BUSY WITH THE NEW COAT OF PAINT FOR THAT LOAD, BOYS!



ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE STORY ARE FICTITIOUS
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THIS STORY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

AT 8:30 THAT MORNING, TIMOTHY WHITING DROVE HIS FORTY-GRAND ARMORED CAR UP TO A SMALL FLOWER SHOP IN CENTER STREET...

I'M TEN MINUTES LATE, AND THERE'S THAT MRS. ELLIOT WAITING FOR HER WEEKLY ORDER OF RED ROSES! THE HECK WITH THOSE SLOW WORKMEN!



SORRY I'M LATE, MRS. ELLIOT! I'VE BEEN OUT OF TOWN WITH SOME RELATIVES, BUT I HAD YOUR ROSES MADE UP LAST NIGHT! THEY'RE IN THE REFRIGERATOR ROOM, ALL MADE UP BEAUTIFULLY!

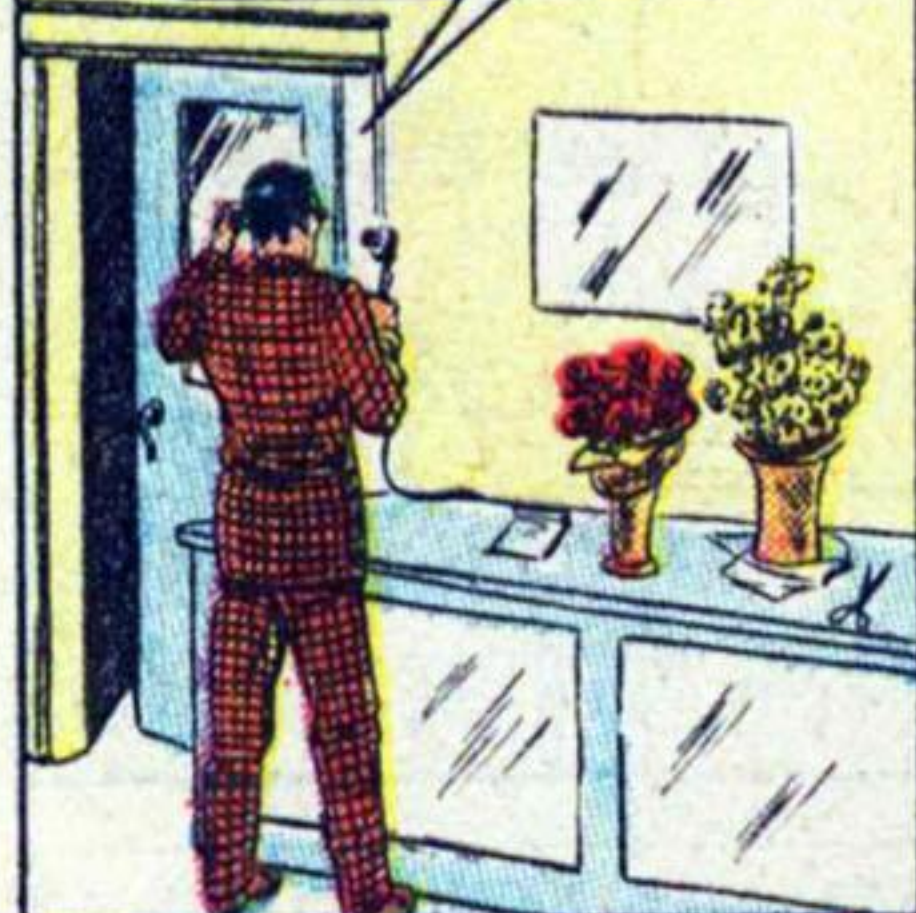
TEE HEE! OH, YOU'RE SO WONDERFUL, MR. WHITING! YOU ALWAYS DO THINGS SO NICELY!



THERE YOU ARE, MRS. ELLIOT-- TWO DOZEN LONG-STEMMED AMERICAN BEAUTIES! DID YOU NOTICE THE LOVELY GARDENIAS? GOT IN JUST YESTERDAY! THEY'RE THE FINEST I'VE EVER HAD... EXCUSE ME, PLEASE, THE PHONE IS RINGING!



YES, YES, RONALD--SO THE SCOTCH IS ARRIVING THIS AFTERNOON-- FINE! I'LL MEET YOU AT 4:10 AT THE USUAL PLACE, THE MOMENT I CLOSE SHOP! BRING YOUR ARTILLERY! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE NEW BOYS WE'RE DEALING WITH WILL BE LIKE--GOOD BOY!



AT 4 P.M. THAT AFTERNOON TIMOTHY WHITING CLOSED HIS FLOWER SHOP FOR THE DAY, AS USUAL!

A THOUSAND CASES OF SCOTCH IS A BIG OUTLAY! BUT AT \$40 A CASE, IN THESE DAYS, I STAND TO MAKE A TIDY PROFIT! BRANNIGAN BETTER NOT FOOL WITH ME! IT'LL HAVE TO BE GRADE-A STUFF!



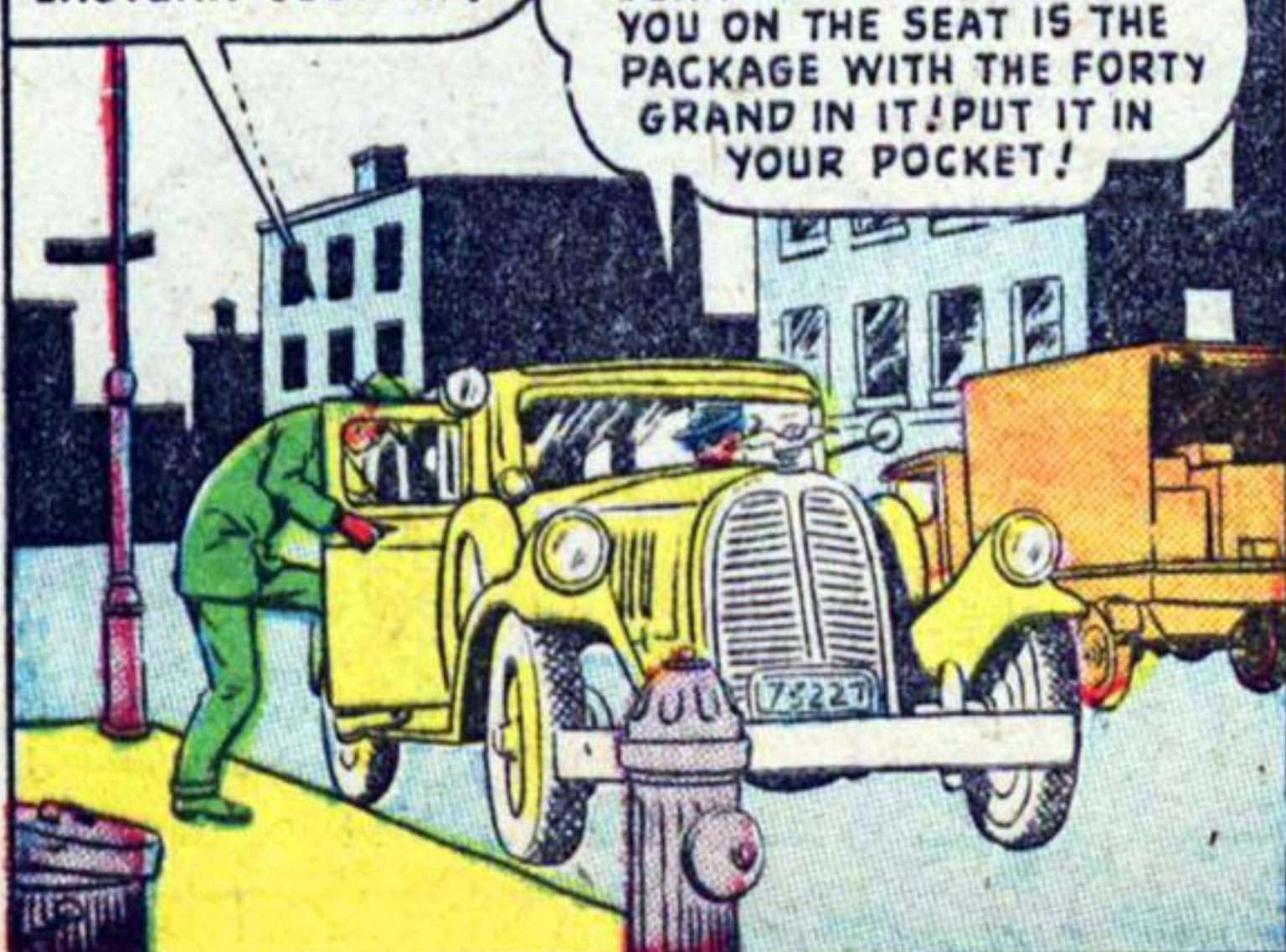
10 MINUTES LATER, TIMOTHY WHITING ARRIVED AT A RUN-DOWN SECTION OF TOWN IN NORTH PHILADELPHIA! AT A DESIGNATED CORNER, HE STOPPED TO PICK UP HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN, WALLY ANDREWS...

WALLY IS THE ONLY BOY I WOULD TRUST TO HANDLE THE BRANNIGAN GANG! HE'S JUST ROUGH ENOUGH-- AND YET SMART ENOUGH TO SCARE THEM OFF ANY STRONG-ARM BUSINESS!



HELLO, TIMOTHY! THIS SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL, HUH? MAYBE WE CAN SPREAD BRANNIGAN'S SCOTCH THROUGH THE WHOLE EASTERN SECTION!

WE CAN, IF IT'S GOOD SCOTCH, AND IF HE DOESN'T JACK THE PRICE UP LATER ON US! NEVER TRUST A MAN IN THIS BUSINESS, WALLY! THAT WAY YOU MIGHT LIVE A FEW YEARS LONGER! BESIDE YOU ON THE SEAT IS THE PACKAGE WITH THE FORTY GRAND IN IT! PUT IT IN YOUR POCKET!



WHEN THEY ARRIVE, YOU HANDLE THE WHOLE SHOW, AS USUAL! DON'T TAKE ANY GUFF FROM THEM! LET THEM KNOW THEY'RE DEALING WITH SOME SMART TURKEYS AND IT WILL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR US LATER ON!

OKAY, TIMOTHY! YOUR IDEAS HAVE ALWAYS HIT THE BULL'S-EYE IN THE PAST! I'LL STICK WITH THEM!





I WANT TO SEE J. P. CURRAN! GOT A LOAD OF SUPPLIES FOR HIM! WHERE CAN I FIND HIM?

I'M HERE TO HANDLE THE BUSINESS FOR HIM! PULL UP YOUR TRUCK AND LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE GOT!



HERE'S THE NOTE MY BOSS SENT YOU, BRANNIGAN, OKAYING THE DEAL! JUST TO DOUBLE CHECK, LET ME SEE YOUR AUTHORITY!

HERE IT IS! THE ORDER FROM CURRAN --1000 CASES OF COLD CREAM: HOW ABOUT THAT QUIET SQUIRT IN BACK OF YOU? WHO IS HE? I DON'T LIKE STRANGERS HANGING AROUND!



NEVER MIND HIM-- CURRAN KNOWS HE'S HERE! HE'S PART OF THE DEAL! NOW SPLIT ONE OF THE CASES OPEN-- I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT!

HE'D BETTER BE OKAY! ...MIKE, HELP ME OPEN A CASE FOR THIS GUY!



I WOULDN'T BE TOO SMART IF I WAS YOU GUYS! YOUR BOSS IS PRETTY LUCKY TO GET SUCH A GOOD DEAL! USUALLY THIS STUFF SELLS FOR \$80 A CASE, AND HE'S GETTING IT FOR \$40!

SHUT UP, BRANNIGAN! YOU DISTURB ME! TEST IT, IZZIE, AND TELL ME HOW GOOD THIS STUFF REALLY IS!

ALL RIGHT, MR. MOORE!



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THAT LUG? IS HE CRAZY?

I TOLD YOU TO SHUT UP! I'M BUYING THIS STUFF, AND WE'LL TEST IT ANYWAY WE WANT TO! GO AHEAD, IZZIE!



THIS ISN'T THE BEST STUFF I'VE SEEN! BUT IT'S FAIRLY GOOD, MR. MOORE! I THINK YOU'LL BE SAFE BUYING IT!

ALL RIGHT, BRANNIGAN! HERE'S THE FORTY GRAND! NOW PACK THAT STUFF IN THE FIRST WAREHOUSE OVER THERE! HAVE YOUR STOOGE STOCK IT AS FAR BACK IN THE WAREHOUSE AS HE CAN! THEN PACK UP AND GET OUT OF HERE!



TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

YOU BIRDS CERTAINLY RUN A SCREWBALL SETUP! SAY, WHO IS THIS BIG BOSS CURRAN, ANYWAY? HOW COME HE WASN'T DOWN HERE TO HANDLE THIS BUSINESS HIMSELF, FIRST-HAND?

OUR BUSINESS WITH YOU IS SCOTCH AT FORTY BUCKS A CASE! I DON'T KNOW WHO RUNS THIS SHOW AND NEITHER DOES ANYBODY ELSE! BUT WHOEVER HE IS, HE DOESN'T LIKE NOSEY BOOZE RUNNERS! PACK OFF!



YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB TONIGHT, WALLY! THERE'LL BE AN EXTRA C-NOTE IN YOUR ENVELOPE THIS WEEK! NOW SEE THAT THE LIQUOR CASES ARE ALL LABELED TO THE RIGHT DISTRIBUTION POINTS! GET IN TOUCH WITH ME TOMORROW! RIGHT NOW I'M GOING TO THE THEATER! GOOD NIGHT!

SO LONG, TIMOTHY!

THAT NIGHT, AS TIMOTHY WATCHED ONE OF THE BEST DRAMAS OF THE YEAR UNFOLD, A MORE IMPORTANT DRAMA CONCERNING HIMSELF WAS TAKING PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO!



VIC!
BRANNIGAN
ON THE
PHONE, FROM
PHILADELPHIA!

GOOD, I HOPE
HE FOUND OUT
SOMETHING!

LISTEN, CARLISLE, I UNLOADED
THAT GOOD SCOTCH, AT COST, TO
CURRAN, BUT HE DIDN'T SHOW
UP HIMSELF! I CAN'T GET
A WHISPER ON THE GUY!



YEAH, YEAH, WELL,
HE'S PRETTY FOXY!
JUST HOLD ON TO YOUR
HAT, BRANNIGAN!
WE'RE TAKING THE NEXT
TRAIN BACK EAST! WE CAN'T
TOLERATE THAT CURRAN ANY
LONGER, WHOEVER HE IS! HE'S RUINING
OUR EASTERN MARKET! SEE YOU IN A WEEK!

A WEEK LATER VICTOR CARLISLE ARRIVED IN PHILADELPHIA! HE LOST NO TIME IN CONTACTING HIS PAID AGENT, ROYCE BRANNIGAN...

I MADE THE "IN" WITH CURRAN
EASILY, CARLISLE! HE BIT LIKE
A HUNGRY DOG ON THAT SCOTCH
AT FORTY BUCKS A CASE! BUT
THE BIRD I DID BUSINESS WITH
CLAMMED UP! I COULDN'T DIG
A THING ABOUT CURRAN
OUT OF HIM!

SURE! HE GRABBED
THAT LIQUOR, ALL
RIGHT! IT'S THE BEST
SCOTCH WE'VE GOT!
HE'S GETTING IT AT
JUST WHAT IT COST
US TO TAKE IT OFF
THE BOAT! BUT LISTEN,
BRANNIGAN, I'M
PAYING YOU FOR
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TO GET IT!



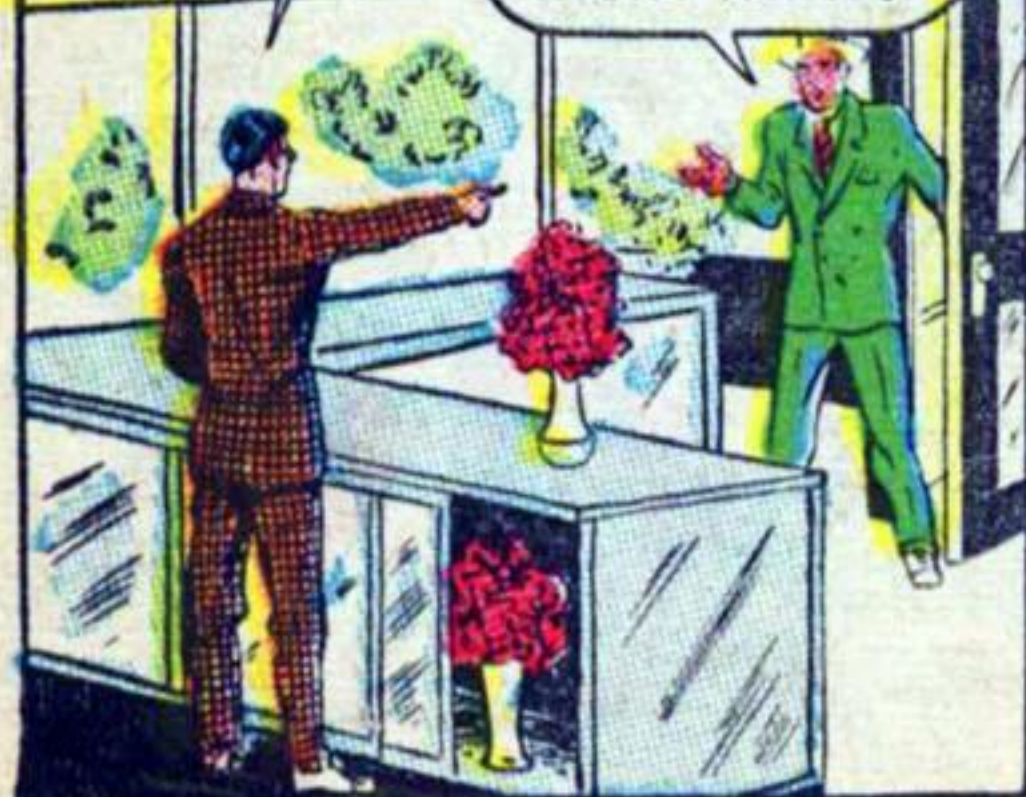
IN THE LAST 11 MONTHS, CURRAN HAS TAKEN BUSINESS AWAY FROM US IN EVERY LARGE CITY ON THE EASTERN COAST--



BOSTON, BANGOR,
HARTFORD, JERSEY
CITY! YOU'VE MADE
CONTACT WITH HIM--
NOW CALL UP HIS
STOOGES! GET HIM
TO BRING
CURRAN INTO
THE OPEN! I'VE
GOT AN IDEA
THAT MIGHT
WORK! LISTEN...

WALLY! ARE
YOU OUT OF
YOUR HEAD?
I'VE TOLD YOU
A DOZEN
TIMES NOT
TO COME
HERE! REACH
ME BY PHONE!
NOW GET OUT!

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND,
TIMOTHY!
SOMETHING HOT
HAS JUST COME
UP! BRANNIGAN
CALLED ME! HE
HAS TWO BOAT-
LOADS OF NEW
SCOTCH COMING
IN! I HAD TO SEE
YOU ABOUT IT
RIGHT AWAY!



HE SAID FOUR OTHER BOOTLEGGERS
WERE AFTER THE STUFF, BUT HE'D
GIVE YOU FIRST CRACK AT IT! HE
INSISTS UPON MEETING YOU IN
PERSON, TONIGHT AT 10 P.M. SAYS
HE WON'T SELL IT TO ME UNLESS
I BRING YOU ALONG TO OKAY THE
DEAL! THERE'S TOO MUCH MONEY
INVOLVED, HE
CLAIMS!

WELL, THAT IS A
VERY INTERESTING
SITUATION! IT COULD
BE THAT BRANNIGAN
FEELS SAFER DEALING
WITH ME...



GET REX JOHNSON, OUR LOOKOUT
MAN, TONIGHT! I'LL PICK YOU AND
HIM UP AT THE USUAL SPOT!

OUT ON THE
TURNPIKE ROAD--
THE OLD MANOR
PLACE! USED TO
BE A TOURIST
HOME! I GUESS
BRANNIGAN
HAS RENTED
IT!

JOHNSON
CAN GO ALONG
AND **PRETEND**
THAT HE'S
MYSELF! I'LL
DRIVE YOU
OUT THERE
IN MY CAR!
WHERE IS
THIS PLACE?



HELLO,
MR. WHITING!

OH, HELLO, MRS. TERRY! I'LL BE WITH YOU IN JUST A MOMENT... ALL RIGHT, MY MAN, DELIVER THOSE FLOWERS AS I TOLD YOU! I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT AT 10 P.M. REGARDING THE NEW ORDERS!

OKAY!



OH, MR. WHITING, I JUST HAD TO COME OVER TO SEE YOU! TOMORROW NIGHT OUR ANNUAL WOMEN'S CLUB FLOWER SHOW IS BEING HELD, AND WE DO SO WANT YOU TO SPEAK TO US ON FLOWERS!

WHY, I AM HONORED, MRS. TERRY! ANY OPPORTUNITY I HAVE TO DISCUSS FLOWERS IS A PLEASURE TO ME-- PARTICULARLY WITH SUCH A CHARMING GROUP! THANK YOU, INDEED! I'LL BE THERE!



AT 9:45 P.M., THAT NIGHT, WHITING DROVE ANDREWS AND JOHNSON TOWARD THEIR 10 P.M. RENDEZVOUS...

LOOK, WALLY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL OF THIS! YOU GIVE ME FIFTY BUCKS FOR JUST COMING WITH YOU TO MEET SOMEBODY! WHAT'S THE SCORE? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY?

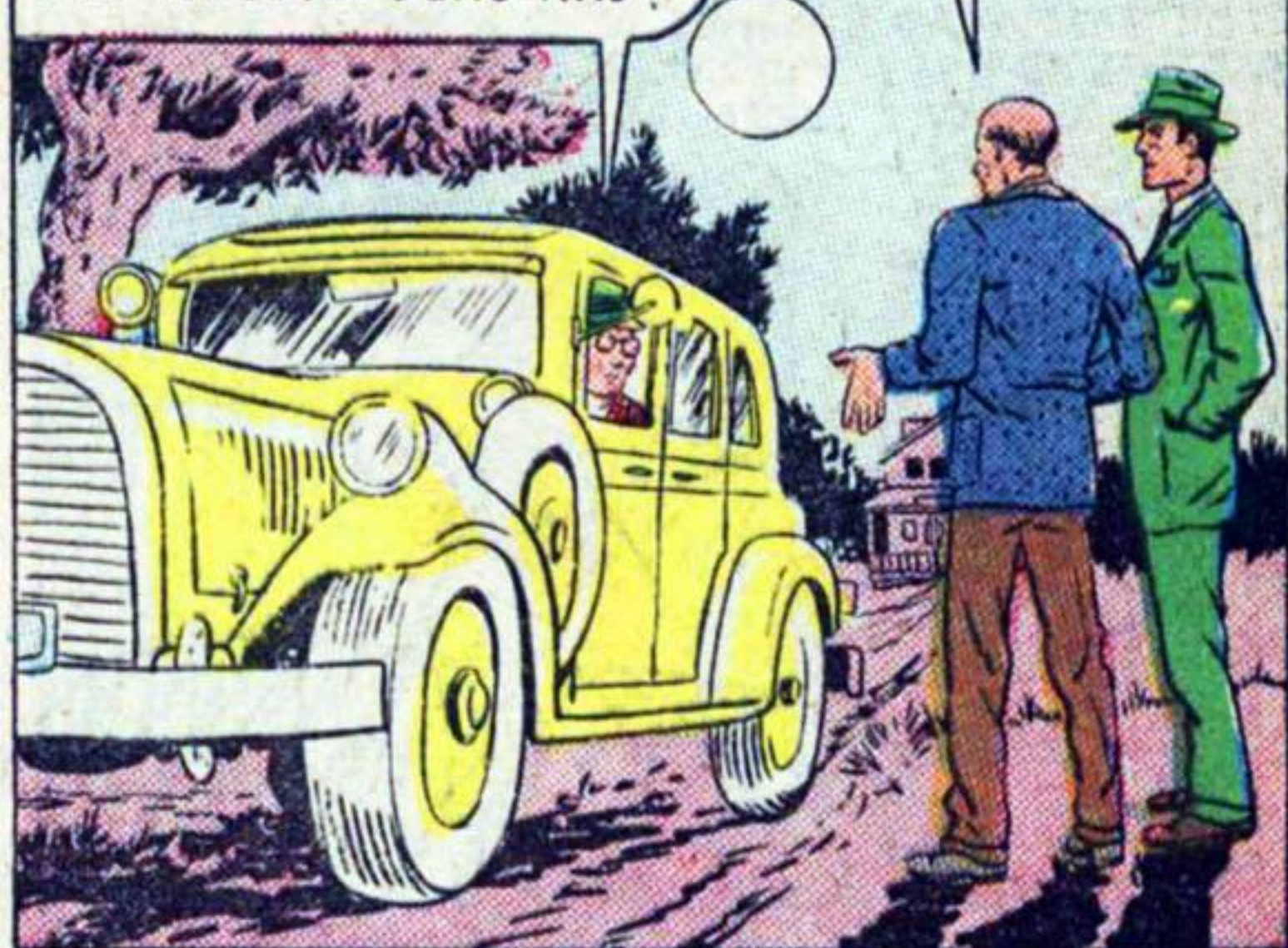
WELL, YOU JUST...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO A THING EXCEPT KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, AND LISTEN! LOOK WISE AND LET WALLY DO THE TALKING! WHATEVER HE SAYS, AGREE TO IT! NOW STOP PESTERING OR WE'LL TAKE THE FIFTY BUCKS BACK AND MAKE YOU WALK HOME!



I'LL KEEP THE MOTOR RUNNING AND WAIT HERE FOR YOU-- REMEMBER, JOHNSON, TAKE YOUR CUES FROM WALLY! THEY'LL QUOTE A PRICE ON GOODS--IF WALLY AGREES, YOU AGREE! UNDERSTAND?

SURE, SURE! IT'S ALL CRAZY... BUT FOR FIFTY BUCKS... WHAT CAN I LOSE?



HELLO, BOYS! IS THIS YOUR BOSS, ANDREWS?

COME INTO THE BACK ROOM AND SIT DOWN! WE'LL TALK BUSINESS!

THIS IS NO BUSINESS MEETING! THESE GUYS ARE OUT FOR BLOOD!

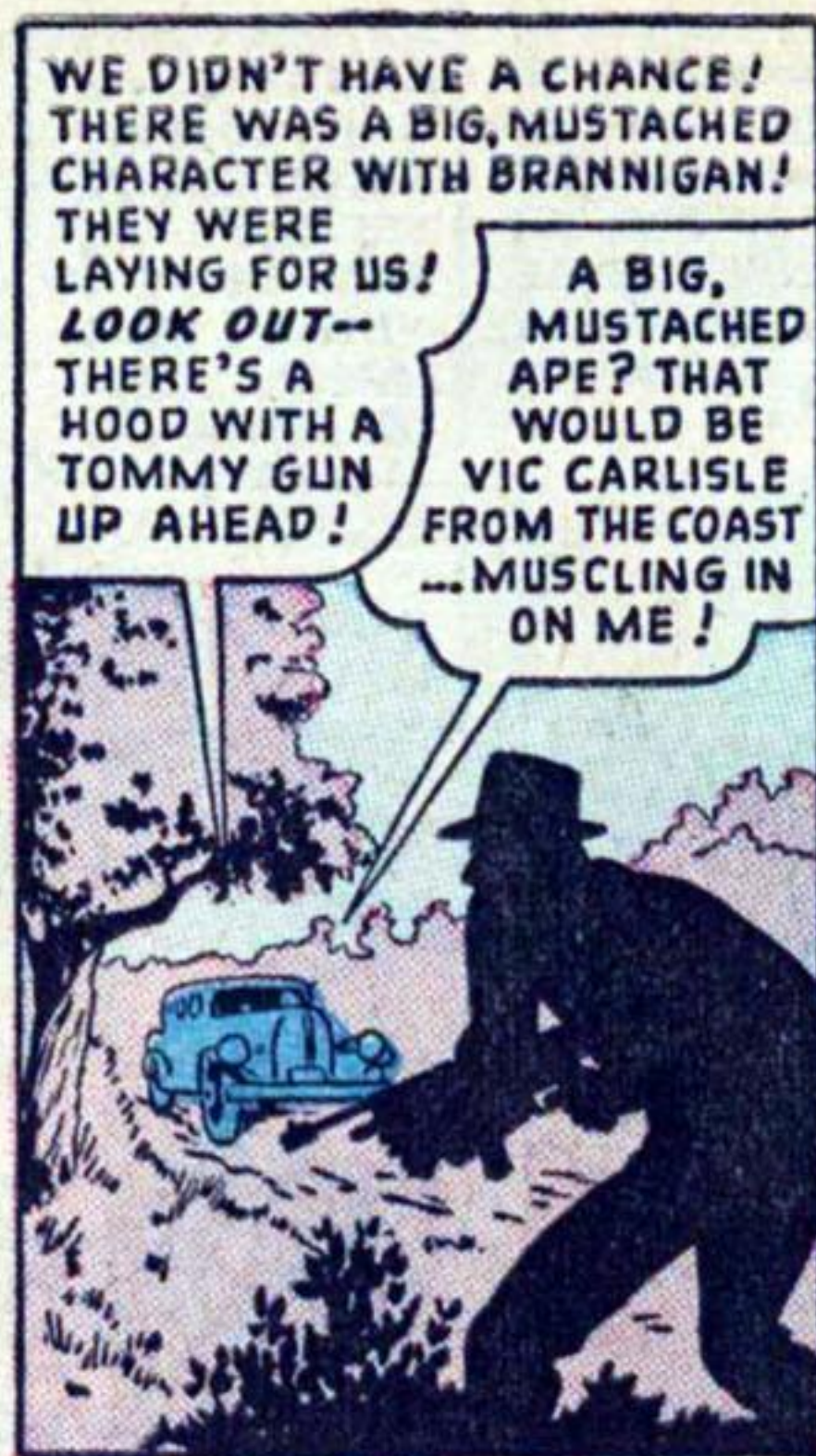
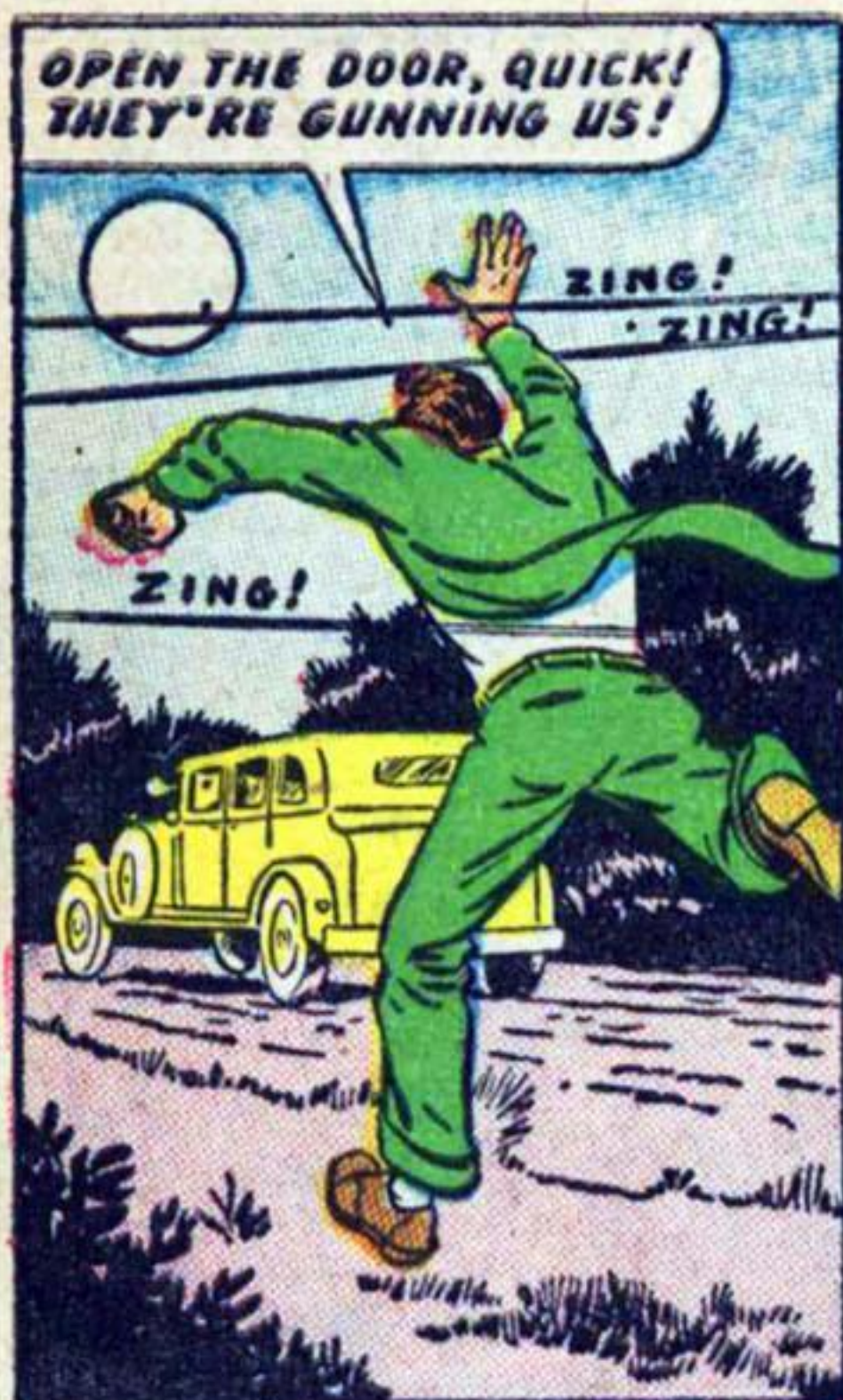
WE'LL STAND HERE, BRANNIGAN! SAY WHAT YOU GOT TO SAY! MY BOSS IS A BUSY MAN!



HE WON'T BE BUSY ANY LONGER!

LOOK OUT, JOHNSON! IT'S A TRAP!







AND SO YOU SEE THAT SUNSHINE IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO MORNING-GLORIES THAN TO ALMOST ANY OTHER FLOWER! WITH PROPER PLANTING, THERE IS NO REASON WHY YOU TOO CANNOT HAVE MORNING-GLORIES THAT REACH THE HEIGHT OF FIFTEEN FEET...



BUT IN MY OPINION, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWER OF ALL IS THE HONOLULU BIRD-OF-PARADISE! IT RESEMBLES A COLORFUL BIRD ON THE WING... WELL, I THINK I HAVE SAID ENOUGH FOR ONE EVENING! I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME HERE! IT'S BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE!



I FOUND HIM! HE'S AT THE PHILDEL HOTEL! HE HAS RENTED OUT THE BANQUET ROOM FOR A PARTY TONIGHT, SO WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET HIM TILL LATER, I GUESS!

I SEE! WELL, COME ALONG WITH ME TO THE SHOP WHILE I THINK THIS SITUATION OUT!



WALLY, I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL LATER! THE MOST WONDERFUL IDEA CAME TO ME WHILE WE WERE CROSSING TOWN! I THINK THAT VIC CARLISLE AND HIS BOYS WILL TAKE THEIR EXIT FROM THIS WORLD TONIGHT!

I DON'T SEE HOW! HE PROBABLY HAS HALF A DOZEN STRONG-ARM GUYS WITH HIM!



REMEMBER THE DYNAMITE WE USED ON THE MANDELLO MOB A FEW MONTHS BACK? WELL, I'VE GOT SOME HERE, AND NOW IT'S GOING TO SERVE OUR PURPOSE VERY NICELY!

I DON'T GET IT, TIMOTHY!



YOU'LL HAVE THESE BIRD-OF-PARADISE FLOWERS DELIVERED TO THE BANQUET ROOM WHERE CARLISLE IS TONIGHT! THE MOMENT YOU HAND THESE POTS TO THE BELLHOP, PRESS THE SWITCH DOWN... SO! THE FUSES ARE TIMED FOR FIVE MINUTES! THEY'LL BLOW CARLISLE AND HIS BOYS BACK TO 'FRISCO! I'LL WRITE A CARD FOR THEM SAYING THE FLOWERS ARE A GIFT FROM THE MANAGEMENT! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

TERRIFIC, TIMOTHY! WE WON'T EVEN HAVE TO GET MIXED UP WITH THEM! GOOD DEAL!



A HALF-HOUR LATER AT EXACTLY 9:20 P.M., ANDREWS DELIVERED THE DEADLY PLANTS TO AN UNSUSPECTING BELLHOP AT THE PHILDEL HOTEL...

TAKE THIS IN TO MR. JAMES IN THE BANQUET ROOM! THERE'S TWO BUCKS FOR YOURSELF ON THE TOP OF THE PLANTS!

OKAY, MISTER!



WELL HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS, BOYS? FLOWERS, WITH COMPLIMENTS OF THE HOTEL PHILDEL! HA/HA! THAT'S A GOOD ONE!

FLOWERS, NO LESS! HA/HA!

FIVE MINUTES LATER, CARLISLE AND HIS BOYS STOPPED SMILING SUDDENLY, AS THREE STICKS OF DYNAMITE EXPLODED IN THE BANQUET ROOM!

NOT BAD, A NEAT HALF-DOZEN! WELL, I GUESS THAT CARLISLE AND HIS GANG WON'T BE BOTHERING ME AGAIN! I WONDER-- WOULD IT BE A SOUND IDEA TO EXPAND MY BUSINESS TO THE WEST COAST TERRITORY? HAVE TO THINK IT OVER!



HELLO, WHAT'S THIS HERE?

COME IN, MR. WHITING, OR SHOULD I SAY, MR. CURRAN? WE'VE BEEN WAITING OVER AN HOUR FOR YOU!

I ASSUME YOU ARE A DETECTIVE, SO WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME WITH WHAT AUTHORITY YOU ENTERED MY STORE WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT?

WE HAVE A SEARCH WARRANT, WHITING! HEADQUARTERS ISSUED ONE LAST NIGHT--RIGHT AFTER WE DISCOVERED THAT THE POT FRAGMENTS FOUND IN THE PHILDEL BANQUET ROOM AFTER THE EXPLOSION WERE SHIPPED OUT BY THE MANOI FLOWER COMPANY IN HONOLULU!

IT SEEMS THAT YOU WERE THE ONLY FLORIST WHO HAD ANY BIRDS-OF-PARADISE FLOWN TO HIM HERE IN PHILADELPHIA-- IN WEEKS!

WHAT IN HEAVENS DOES THAT PROVE? YOU'RE TRYING TO RAILROAD ME!

WE TOOK A GAMBLE, WHITING! WE WERE CONVINCED THAT THE FLOWER POTS THAT HELD THE EXPLOSIVES CAME FROM YOUR STORE! AND AFTER CHECKING THROUGH YOUR BOOKS ON BOOTLEGGING, WE HAVE ALL THE PROOF WE NEED! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE! BRING ALONG THE BOOKS, BOYS!

I'M SORRY, MRS. TERRY, THE STORE WON'T BE OPEN TODAY! I'M GOING ON AN EXTENDED VACATION!



IT PROVED TO BE MORE THAN JUST AN EXTENDED VACATION FOR CURRAN AND ANDREWS! THEY WERE EXECUTED ON FEB. 3RD 1929, THUS ENDING ONE OF THE MOST COLD-BLOODED COMBINES IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME!

THE END

WANTED

BY THE

F.B.I.

ALLEN BUTLER WOOLWORTH

With aliases: O. W. Nelson, Jack
Nelson, "Punchy"



DESCRIPTION

Age, 45, born October 9, 1903, Wichita, Kansas; Height 5' 10"; Weight, 158 pounds; Eyes, blue; Hair, dark brown, graying; Complexion, dark; Build, medium; Race, white; Nationality, American; Occupation, clerk; Scars and marks, small cut scar left corner of mouth, cut scar "V" shape on right forehead, appendectomy scar.

BANK ROBBERY—SELECTIVE SERVICE CAUTION:

WOOLWORTH IS REPORTED TO BE ARMED AND IS DANGEROUS

CRIMINAL RECORD

On September 27, 1938, Woolworth was convicted and sentenced in Federal Court, Norfolk, Nebraska, to serve 20 years on one count and 25 years on another count, concurrently, for participation in the \$22,850 armed robbery of the Delany National Bank, Norfolk, Nebraska, on November 9, 1934. This Federal sentence was to begin upon expiration of a 10-20-50 year sentence Woolworth began serving in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on June 11, 1937, for robbery of the Citizens National Bank, Emporia, Kansas, on March 1, 1933. On January 3, 1943, he escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary. An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury charging Woolworth with violation of the Selective Training Act of 1940.

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WILL BE PAID FOR INFORMATION
LEADING TO THE ARREST OF
ANY OF THESE FUGITIVES!

FRANK JOSEPH WELICKA

With aliases: Frank Walicka,
Frank Walicke, Frank Walkick,
Frank Welles, Frank Willis



DESCRIPTION

Age, 34, born June 5, 1914, Amsterdam, New York; Height 5' 8"; Weight, 169 pounds; Eyes, blue; Hair, reddish brown; Complexion, ruddy, freckled; Build, medium; Race, white; Nationality, American; Lithuanian descent; Education, grade school; Occupation, greenhouse worker.

NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT CRIMINAL RECORD

As Frank Welicka, arrested Police Department, Albany, New York, April 3, 1932; charge, grand larceny, first degree; disposition, sentence suspended. As Frank Welicka, arrested Police Department, Albany, New York, March 19, 1933; charge, investigation; disposition, released. As Frank Welicka, arrested Police Department, Albany, New York, March 21, 1933; charge, petty larceny; disposition, previous probation revoked, 10-year sentence imposed. As Frank Walick, received State Reformatory, Elmira, New York, March 25, 1933; crime grand larceny, first degree; (sentence 10 years, paroled July 3, 1934). An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Jamestown, New York, on July 30, 1942, charging subject with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he did, on or about September 5, 1941, unlawfully transport a stolen automobile in interstate commerce from Rochester, New York, to Biloxi, Mississippi, knowing it to have been stolen.

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PAUL ALFRED EVANS

DESCRIPTION

Age, 40, born June 12, 1908, Vincennes, Indiana; Height, 5' 10"; Weight, 160 pounds; Eyes, brown; Hair, black, kinky; Complexion, medium brown; Build, medium; Race, Negro; Nationality, American; Scars and marks, small scar over right eye, scar on lower lip.



UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
FOR MURDER

CAUTION:

EVANS IS BELIEVED TO BE ARMED AND IS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Evans has been arrested in the State of Pennsylvania for robbery and carrying concealed dangerous weapon. A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 27, 1943, charging Paul Alfred Evans with violating Section 408a, Title 18, United States Code, in that he fled from the State of Indiana to avoid prosecution for the crime of murder.

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MEANWHILE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT OUTSIDE THE BUILDING...

THAT'S ALL WE HAVE TO DO! THE GUARD INSIDE WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM IN A MINUTE! CHIEF!... HAW!

HEY... LOOK! POLICE CARS!

BASED ON A TRUE STORY

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EARLY IN THE EVENING OF JULY 13, 1946, ON A HIGHWAY WEST OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, A CAR SWERVED TO AVOID A RABBIT... AND WENT CRASHING INTO A RAVINE... THUS SETTING IN MOTION A CHAIN OF EVENTS AS STRANGE AS ANY EVER ENCOUNTERED BY THE DELAWARE POLICE! BEFORE THE CASE WAS CLOSED, TWO CRIMINALS WERE SENTENCED TO PRISON AND TWO MORE WERE DEAD!

CRASH!

LESTER HORNE...

BORN 1917, IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW FELT HE WAS **HIS BROTHER'S KEEPER!**

THE MAN WHO **LOST HIMSELF!**

SUPPOSE YOU WOKE UP ONE MORNING TO DISCOVER THAT YOU WERE A CRIMINAL?... BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW, WHY, OR WHEN! THAT WAS THE STRANGE DILEMMA WHICH CONFRONTED LESTER HORNE, PROVING ONCE MORE THAT TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION!

RIDING IN THE CAR, BESIDES THE DRIVER, WAS A MAN ABOUT WHOM THE ENSUING PUZZLE OF CRIME REVOLVED...

THAT WAS CLOSE! GUESS I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR GIVING YOU THAT LIFT, BUDDY!

I HEAR THE AMBULANCE COMING NOW! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YEAH! YEAH... I'M OKAY! I JUST BLACKED OUT FOR A MINUTE, I GUESS! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A REPORT OF THIS! YOU'RE THE MAN WHO WAS RIDING IN THE CAR, RIGHT? YOUR NAME?

LESTER HORNE! 117 NORTH MAIN STREET! YOU KNOW... IT'S FUNNY, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW I GOT HERE!

SHOCK, PROBABLY! YOU'LL COME OUT OF IT IN A WHILE... YOU'D BETTER GET HOME AND REST UP!

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE STORY ARE FICTITIOUS

ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THIS STORY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

AND SO LESTER HORNE WENT HOME, STILL IN A DAZE FROM THE ACCIDENT...

HMMM... MUST HAVE LOST MY KEYS BACK THERE! AND, DOGGONE IT, THERE'S MY BROTHER-IN-LAW'S CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY! WISH KEN WOULD LIVE IN HIS OWN HOUSE FOR A WHILE! OH, WELL...

THE BELL CHIMED FAINTLY INSIDE... THE DOOR OPENED! THEN...

HELLO, HELEN! SORRY I'M LATE, BUT... HEY, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

LESTER! NO... IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD!

HELLO, KEN! HELEN'S SICK! CALL A DOCTOR... WILL YOU?

YOU!...IMPOSSIBLE! WHY, YOU WERE KILLED!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO BLATTING ABOUT? I'M AS ALIVE AS YOU ARE! I WAS ONLY SHAKEN UP IN THAT CAR ACCIDENT!

OH, LESTER... YOU'VE COME BACK!

WHAT CAR ACCIDENT?

SAY... THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT ALL THIS... AND YOU TWO... YOU LOOK OLDER! AND MY MIND IS FUZZY! WHAT HAPPENED?

LISTEN TO ME, LESTER! SIX YEARS AGO YOU WERE REPORTED KILLED IN A TRAIN WRECK! THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO TRACE OF YOU... SO NATURALLY IT IS A SHOCK TO US BOTH... SEEING YOU ALIVE!

SIX YEARS...BUT I DON'T REMEMBER A THING!

SIX YEARS...! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE THEN? MY BUSINESS AFFAIRS...

EVERYTHING'S FINE, DEAR! KENNETH HAS MANAGED YOUR BUSINESS WONDERFULLY WELL--EVEN EXPANDED IT! YOU'RE HOME NOW, DEAR, AND THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, YOU SAY? WHAT OF THOSE SIX YEARS? WHO WAS I THEN... WHAT WAS I? FOR ALL I KNOW I MAY HAVE MARRIED AGAIN... OR EVEN BEEN A THIEF!

DAYS WENT BY...THEY WERE LONG DAYS OF BROODING AND THINKING FOR LESTER HORNE! THEN...

LOOK, KEN! I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT WENT ON DURING THOSE SIX YEARS! DO ME A FAVOR AND KEEP MY BUSINESS GOING FOR ME A WHILE YET, WILL YOU?

WELL, I WAS PLANNING TO TAKE A LONG VACATION NOW THAT YOU'RE BACK...BUT I, GUESS IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO! SURE, LES... I'LL TAKE OVER AGAIN!



AND SO...THE HUNT FOR HIS PAST BEGAN! HORNE HAD NO LUCK, UNTIL ONE DAY ON THE STREET...

LARRY! LARRY HUNTER! IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED UP!

WHAT'S THAT? ARE YOU... TALKING TO ME?



WHO ELSE? ME AND THE BOYS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU SO WE CAN PULL THAT JOB WE PLANNED! YOU AREN'T TRYING TO TAKE A POWDER, ARE YOU? THE BOYS WOULDN'T LIKE THAT!

POWDER? ER... NO! NO, OF COURSE NOT!



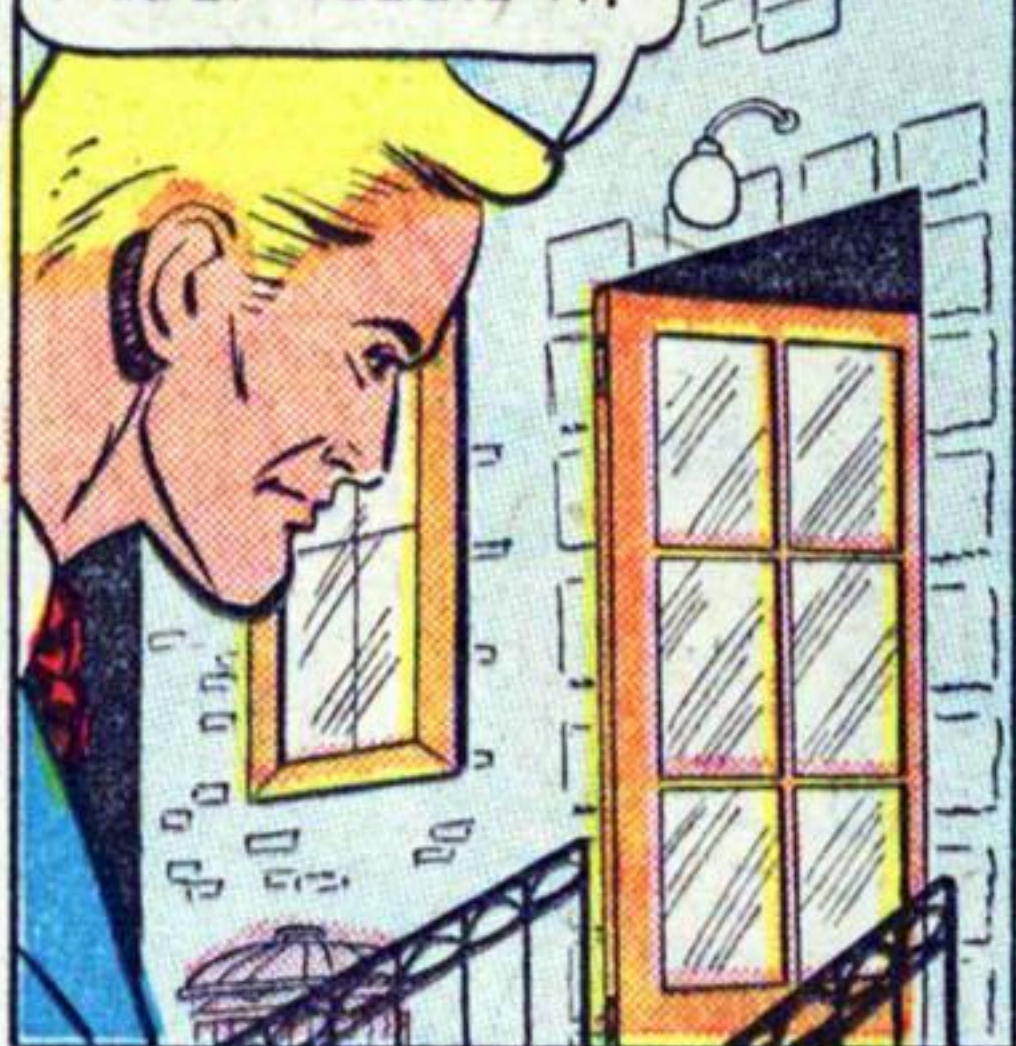
WELL, YOU BETTER NOT! WE GOT A NEW HIDEOUT AT 63 KELVIN PLACE! YOU BE THERE TONIGHT... OR ELSE! UNDERSTAND?

YES, I UNDERSTAND... PERFECTLY!



THAT NIGHT, AT THE APPOINTED TIME...

THIS IS THE PLACE, ALL RIGHT! PROBABLY TYPICAL OF MY PAST... RUNDOWN, DIRTY-LOOKING... I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!



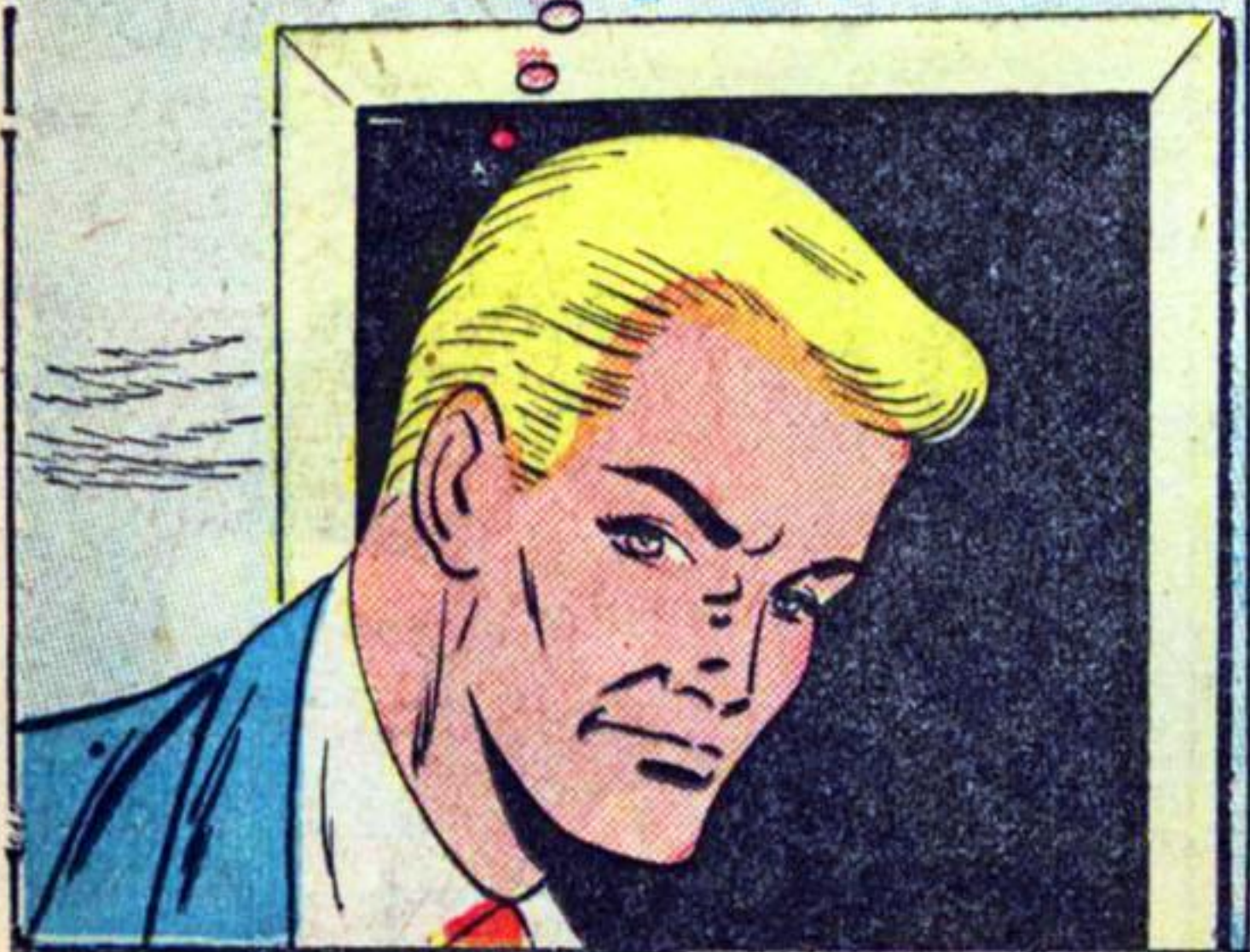
HEY, HERE HE IS NOW! GLAD TO SEE YA, CHIEF!

I TOLD YA HE'D BE ON TIME! I DIDN'T THINK THE CHIEF WOULD WANT TO MISS A HAUL LIKE THIS!

"CHIEF"? GOOD HEAVENS!



OH, NO!...I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT! A GANGSTER!...THE CHIEF OF THIS MOB! I CAN'T BACK OUT NOW-- I'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH!



HERE'S THE PLANS FOR THAT SAFE-CRACKING JOB YOU LINED UP LAST MONTH, CHIEF! WE CASED THE JOINT WHILE WE WAITED FOR YOU... IN TWO DAYS IT'LL BE RIPE FOR PICKING! SAME AS THE OTHER JOBS...YOU OPEN THE BOX WHILE WE COVER YOU... RIGHT?

MEN, I, EH, HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU...





WATCHES WERE SYNCHRONIZED... THE GANG WENT TO THEIR ASSIGNED POSITIONS A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE SPECIFIED TIME!

THIS IS IT, I GUESS-- THE END OF THE ROAD FOR ME! POOR HELEN... IF ONLY THERE WAS SOMETHING...



WHY, BOB TINKER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS PART OF TOWN?

EH? WHAT'S THAT?



YOU...YOU CALLED ME BOB! YOU KNOW ME?

OF COURSE! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN THE PAST FEW WEEKS?



AFTER WORKING SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOU FOR SIX YEARS, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D RUN OFF WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A WORD!

LISTEN...WE HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE AND TALK--FAST! COME ON--RIGHT DOWN THE STREET THERE!



SURE, WE WERE BOTH MACHINISTS ALL THAT TIME! NEVER COULD FIGURE OUT WHY YOU LEFT!

YOU KNOW... I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT! WHAT A SAP I'VE BEEN!



SAY, BOB-- ARE YOU IN TROUBLE OR ANYTHING?

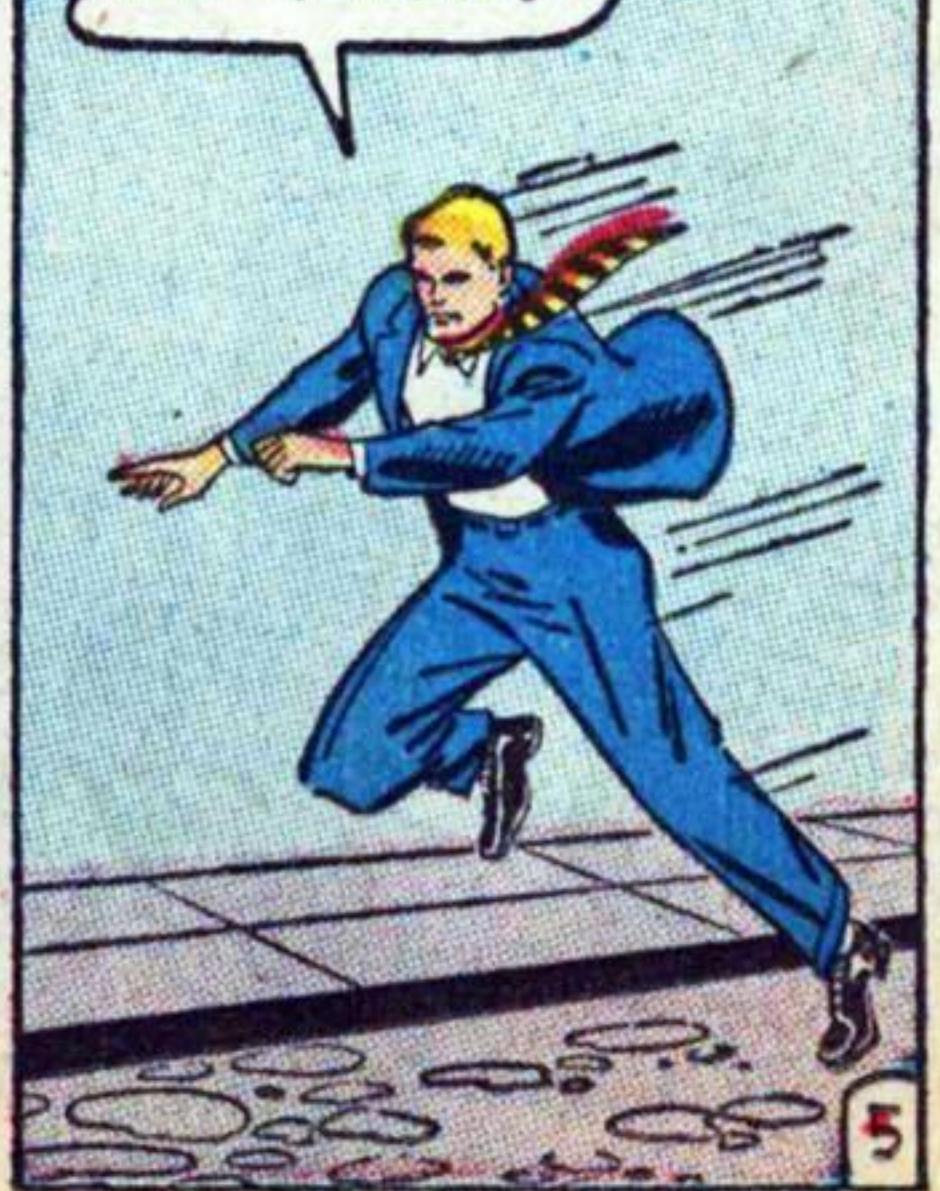
NOT ANY MORE, PAL-- THANKS TO YOU! LOOK, I HAVE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL AND THEN RUSH OFF! I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT LATER!

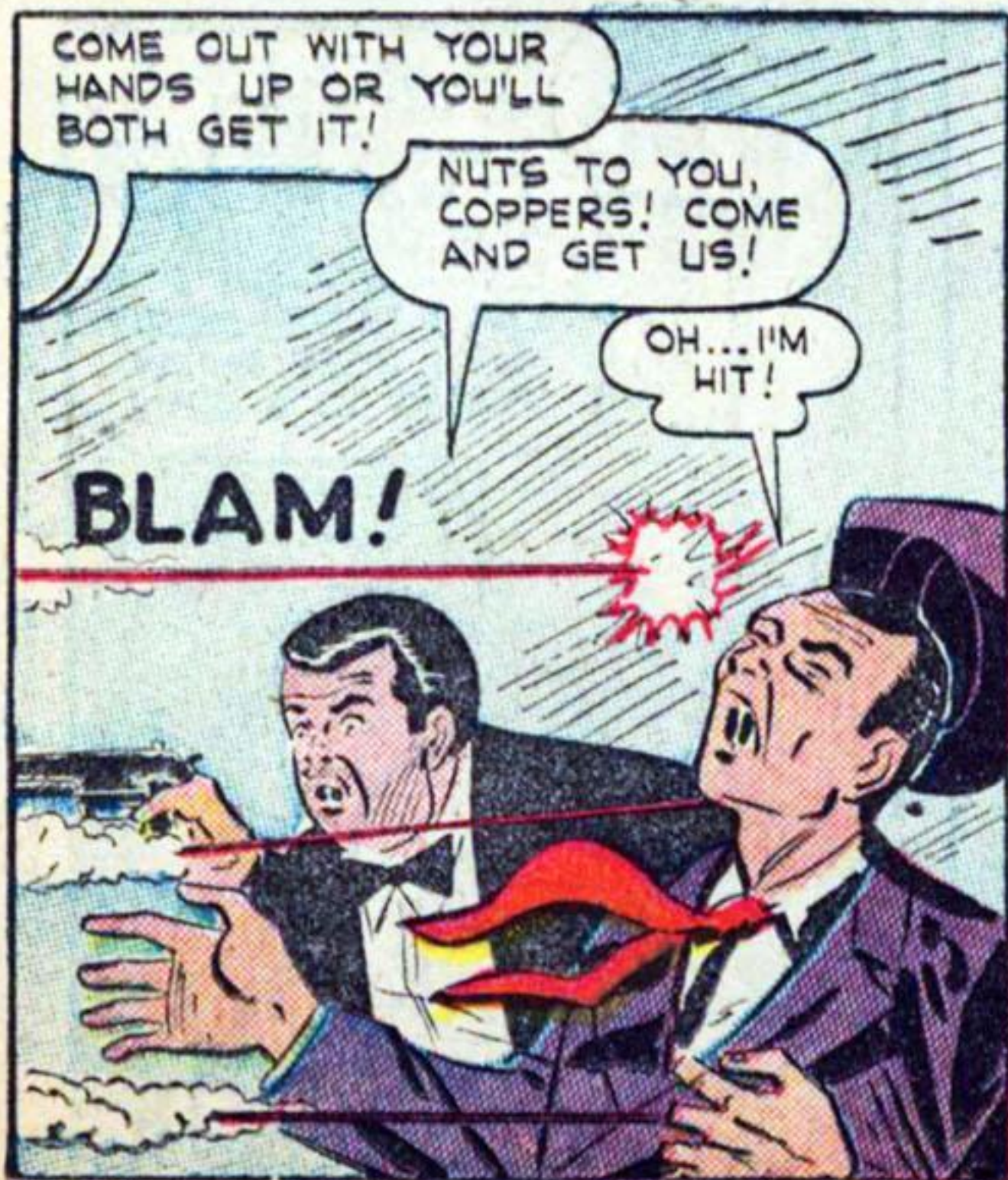
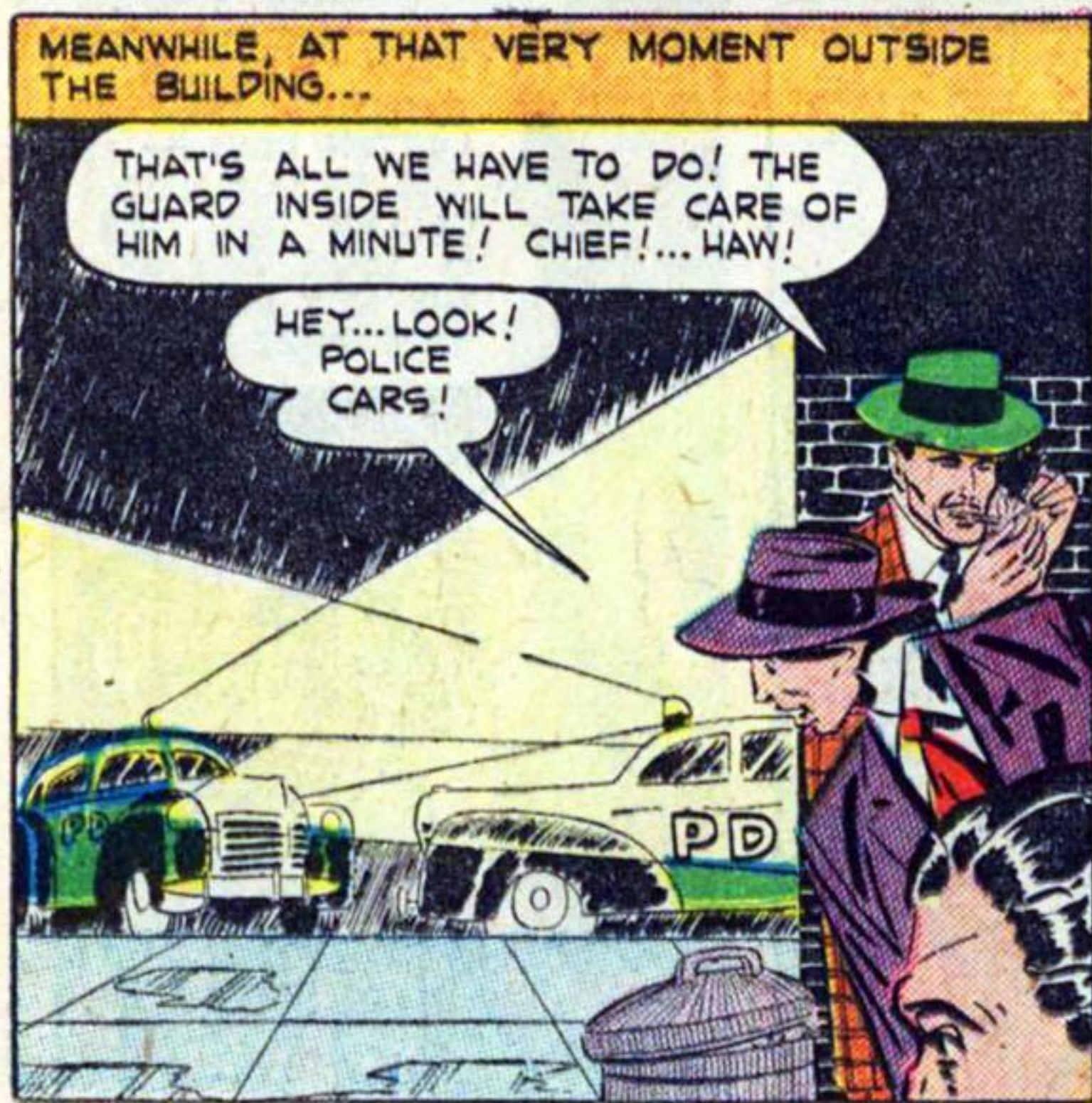


HELLO, OPERATOR! GET ME THE POLICE STATION, QUICK! YES, IT'S AN EMERGENCY... POLICE? OKAY! NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY... I WON'T HAVE TIME TO REPEAT THIS...



ONLY THIRTY SECONDS LEFT TO GET TO MY POSITION!... I DON'T DARE LET THEM GET SUSPICIOUS! THIS HAS TO WORK!





FEARING TO BE TRAPPED IN THE BUILDING AND MISTAKENLY TAKEN FOR ONE OF THE GANG, LESTER FORCED A WINDOW, AND...

THEY GOT THEM TRAPPED, ALL RIGHT... ALL BUT LOUIE, DOWN THERE...

...AND HE'S NOT GOING FAR!

YAA! WHAT...

I'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS NOW, YOU PHONEY!

WHY, YOU...

THAT'S IT! GO AHEAD AND REACH FOR IT SO I CAN BLAST YOUR FOOL HEAD OFF!

NO... I QUIT!

HOLD YOUR FIRE, OFFICERS! I'M LESTER HORNE-- THE FELLOW WHO CALLED YOU! THIS IS LOUIE, ONE OF THE KEY MEN IN THIS PUZZLE!

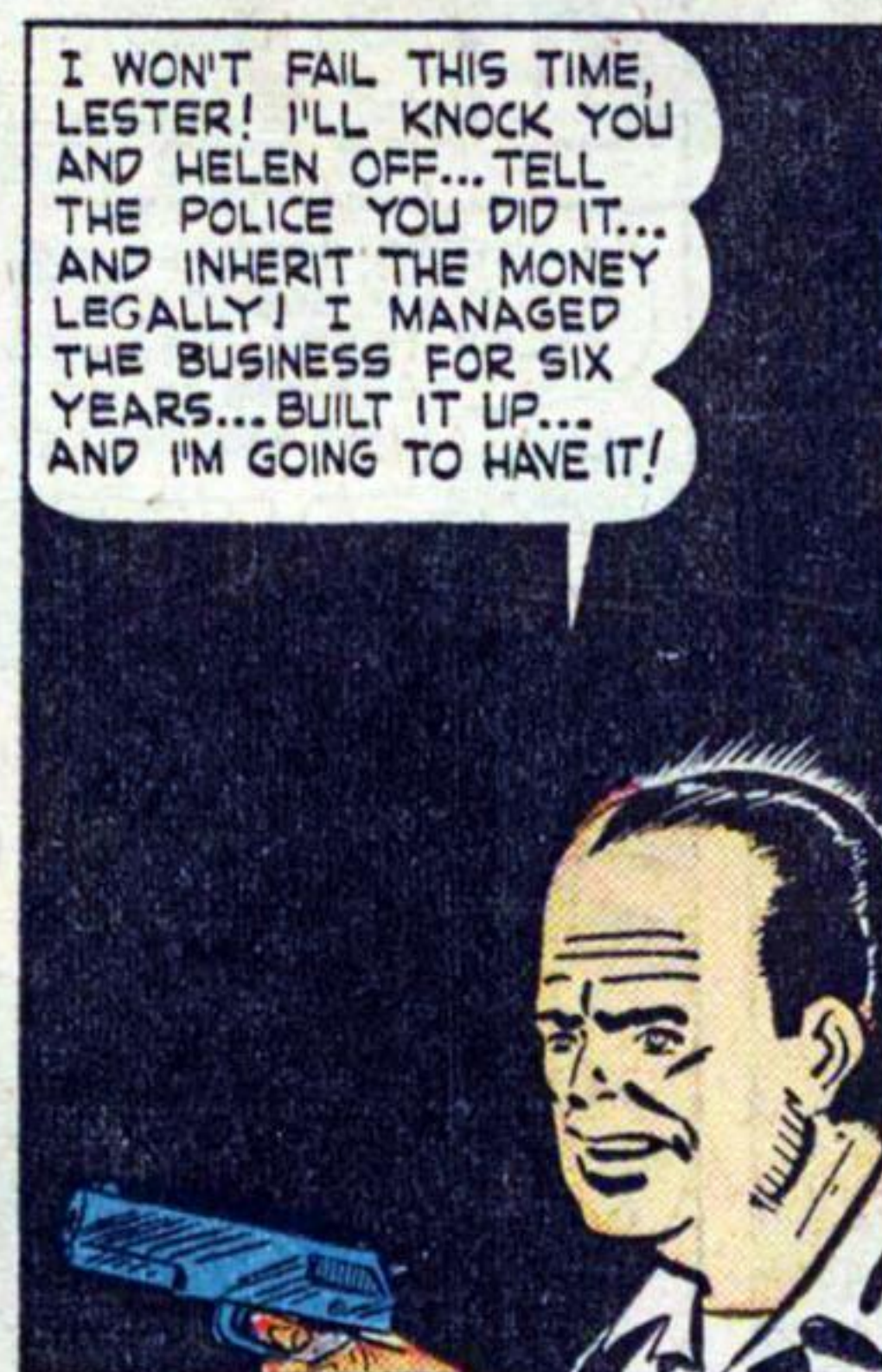
NOW TALK, LOUIE! TALK LOUD AND FAST BEFORE I MOP THIS PLACE UP WITH YOU!

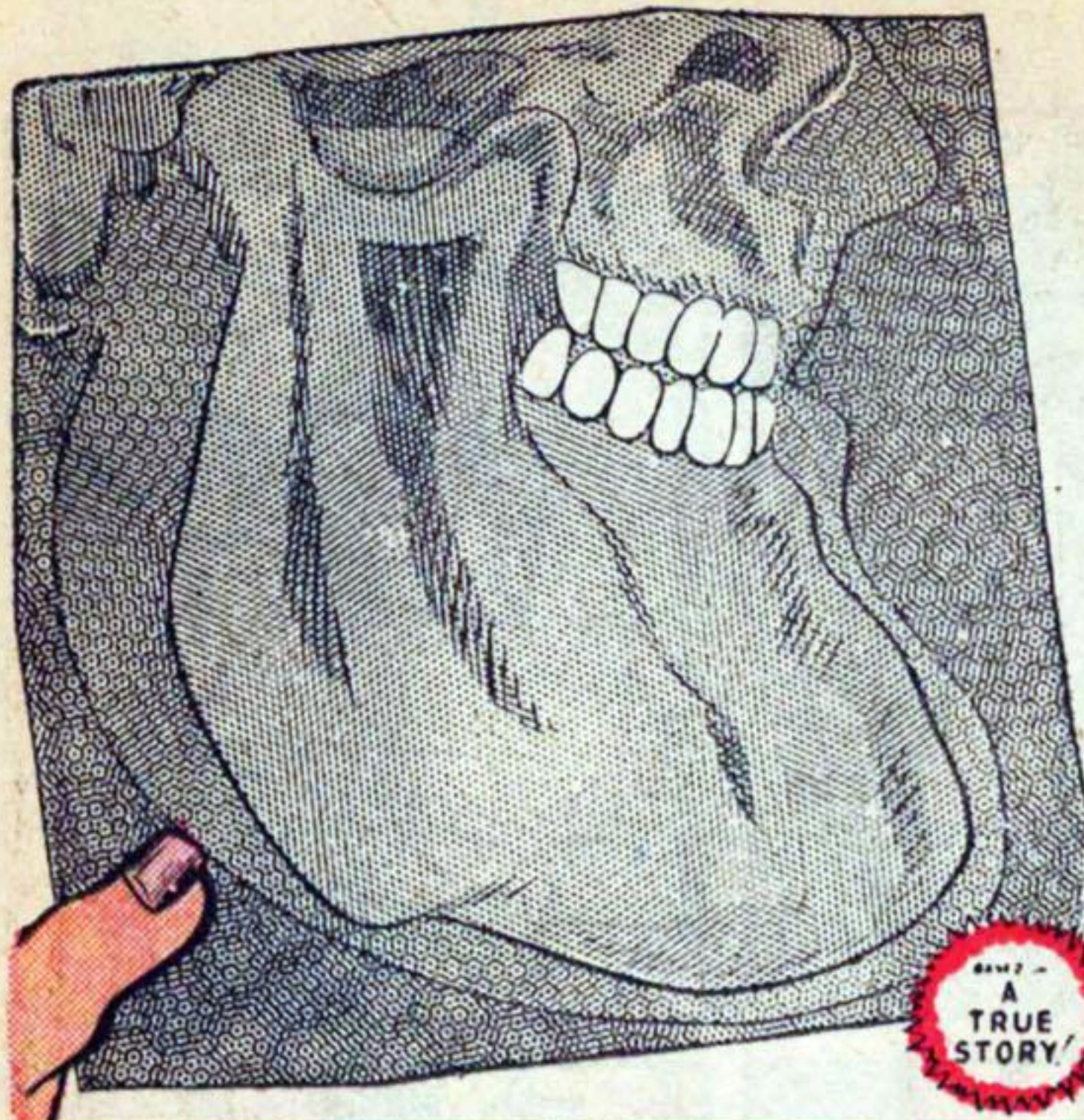
IT... WASN'T MY IDEA, HONEST! IT WAS YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW! HE HIRED US TO GIVE YOU A FAKE IDENTITY! HE WANTED YOU TO GET KILLED IN A HOLD-UP SO HE COULD TAKE OVER YOUR BUSINESS PERMANENTLY! IT WAS HIS IDEA... HE PLANNED THE WHOLE THING!

YOU WANT US TO PICK HIM UP?

NOT UNTIL I TALK TO HIM FIRST! I GUESS KEN HATED TO SEE THAT DOUGH SLIP OUT OF HIS CONTROL WHEN I CAME HOME! MONEY SURE DOES FUNNY THINGS TO A GUY!

COME ON, PLUNK! OFF YOU GO TO JAIL!





BASED ON
A
TRUE
STORY!

PRIMERO GIAVANNI, OF THE GAMBINI CIRCUS
BORN 1892 IN MILAN, ITALY... DIED 1934

HE WAS WORTH
MORE
DEAD
THAN ALIVE!

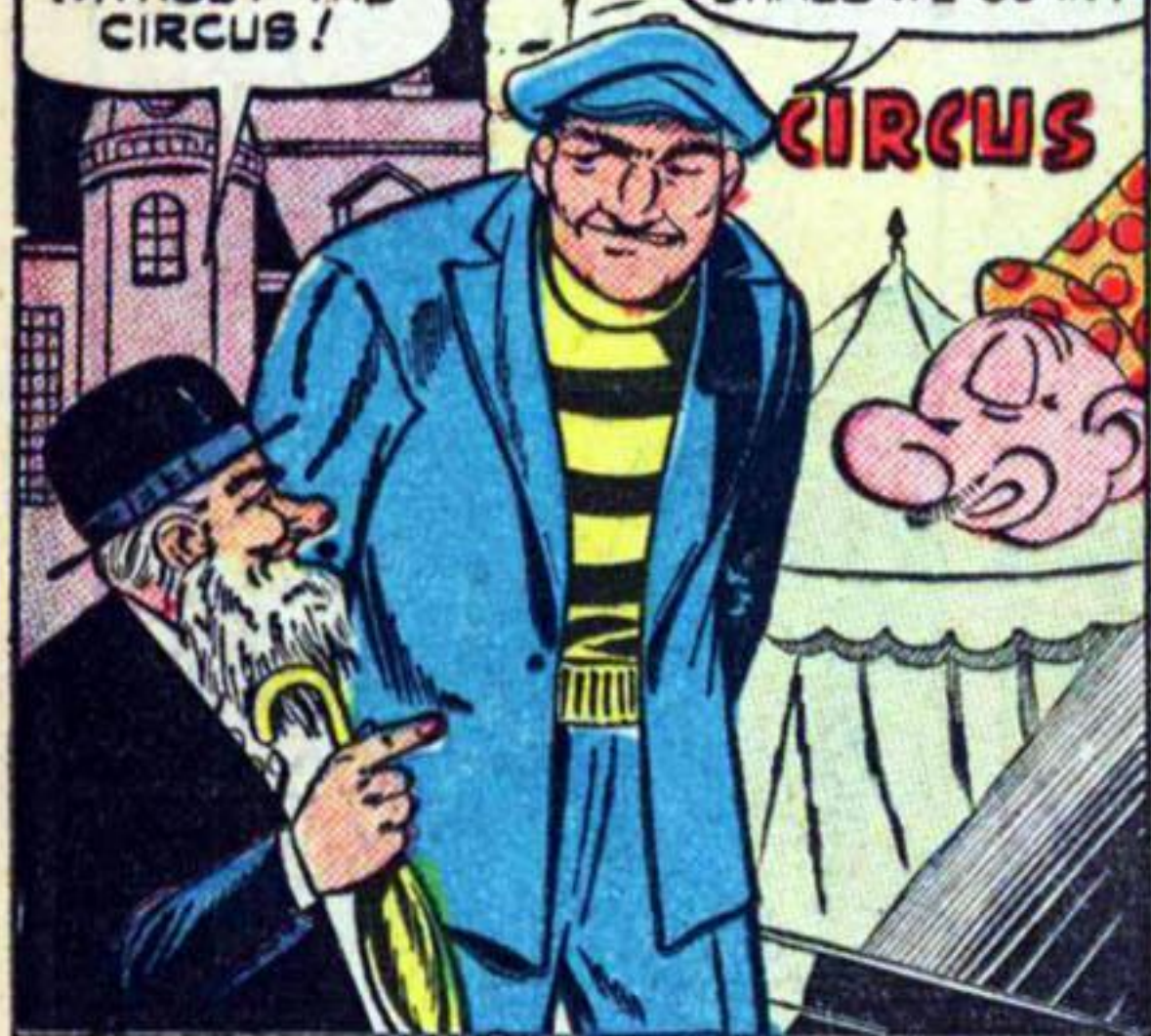
ONE OF THE STRANGEST CASES IN THE HISTORY OF
THE FRENCH SURETÉ DEALS WITH PRIMERO GIAVANNI,
THE CIRCUS PERFORMER WHO BECAME INVOLVED IN
ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST NOTORIOUS SMUGGLING
OPERATIONS!

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PARIS, FRANCE! THE DATE: MARCH 27, 1934
THE CHARACTERS: HENRI LEBRET AND
PEPE MILLEAUX...

THE CIRCUS... THE CIRCUS!
WHAT WOULD WE DO
WITHOUT THE
CIRCUS!

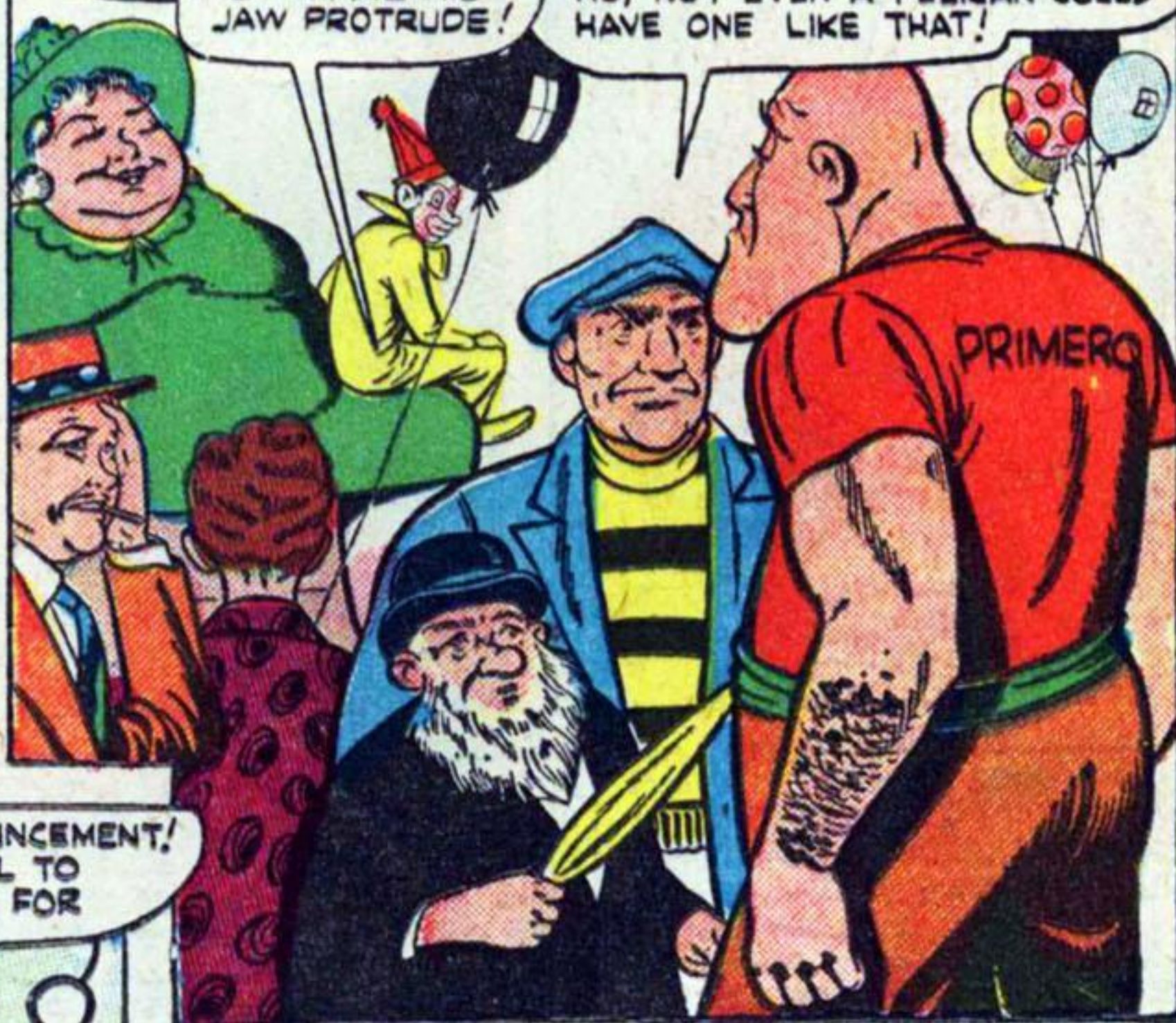
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ARE, HENRI!
SHALL WE GO IN?



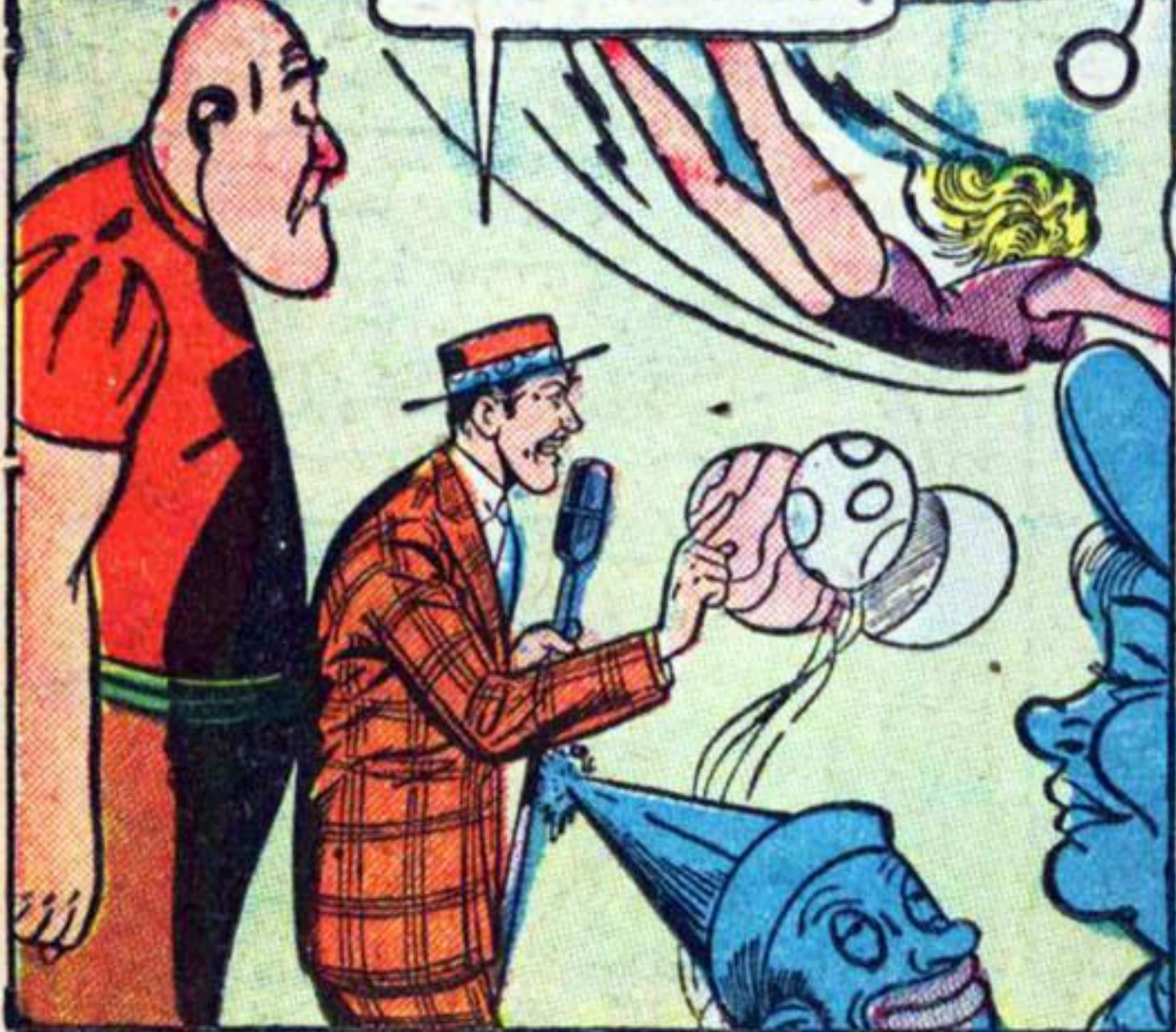
LATER...

WE COULD MAKE
USE OF THAT
MONSTER, PEPE! HE OBTAIN-
OUSLY HAS A SET OF
FALSE TEETH... SEE HOW
THEY MAKE HIS
JAW PROTRUDE!

NEVER, IN ALL MY LIFE, HAVE I
SEEN SUCH A STUPID FACE! HE
MUST HAVE STOLEN HIS BRAIN
FROM A SPARROW! AND THAT
JAW!... IT IS LIKE A PELICAN'S!
NO, NOT EVEN A PELICAN COULD
HAVE ONE LIKE THAT!



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!
THE GAMBINI CIRCUS IS SAYING FAREWELL TO
FRANCE! IN ONE WEEK WE SHALL SAIL FOR
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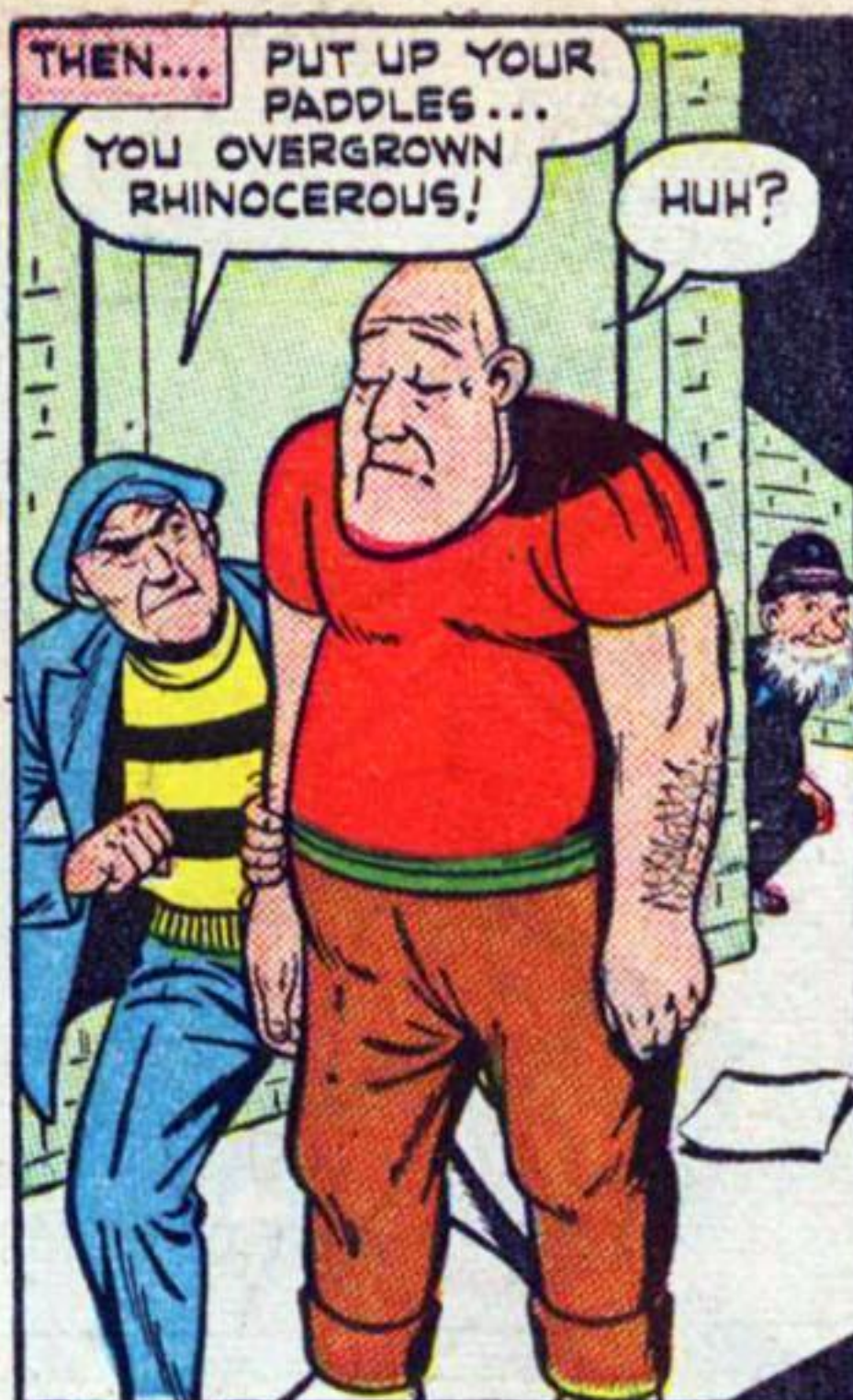


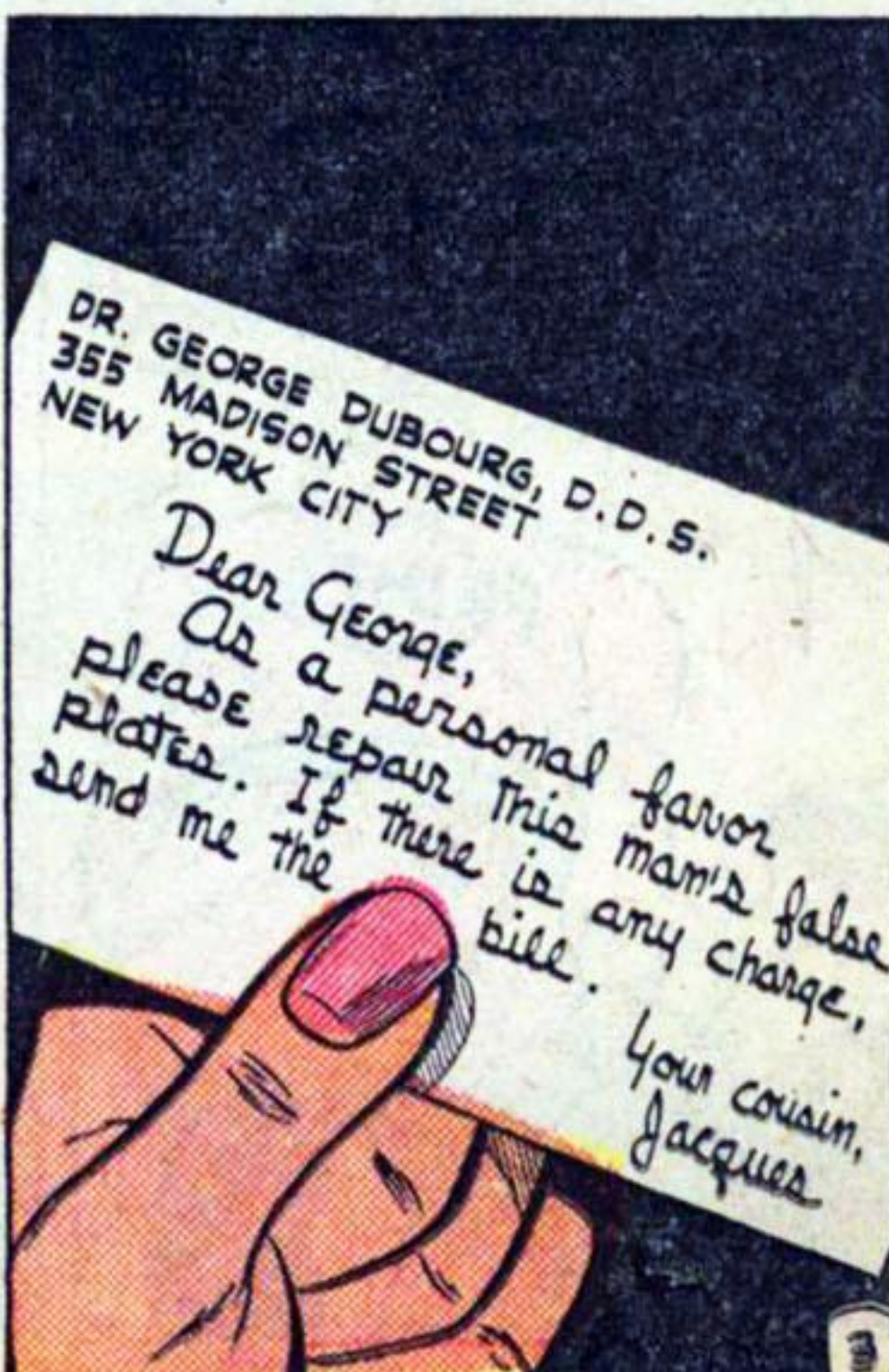
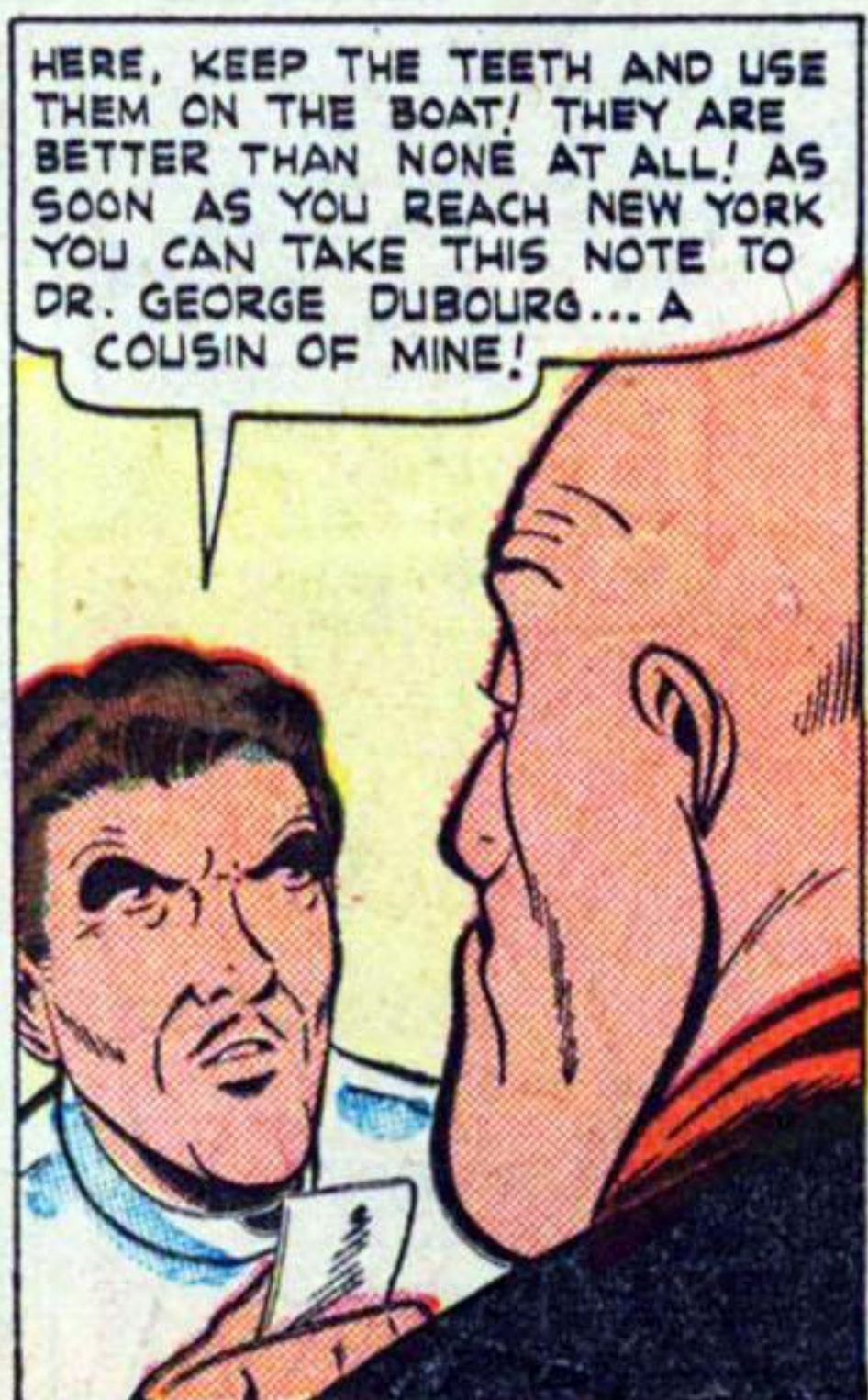
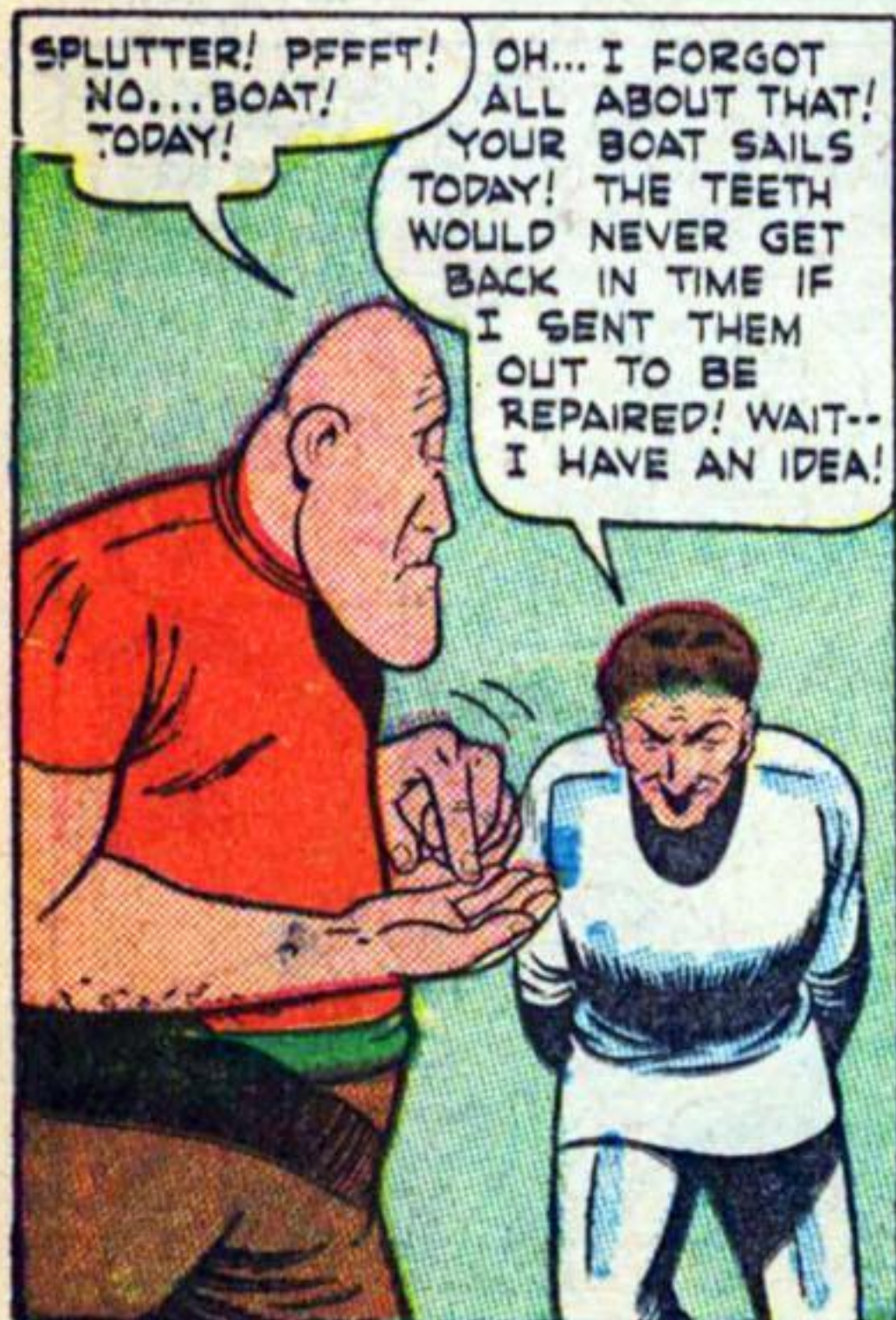
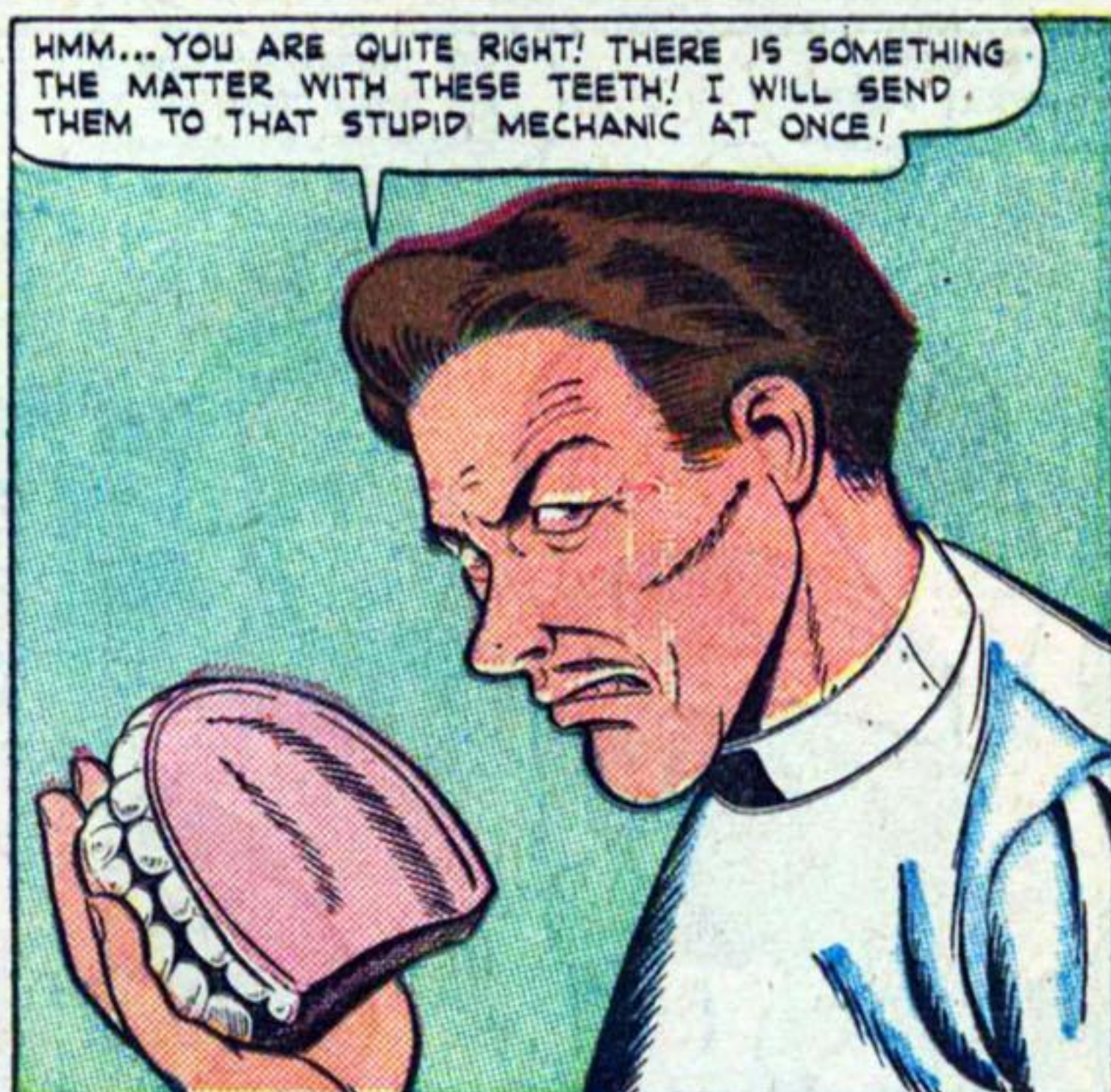
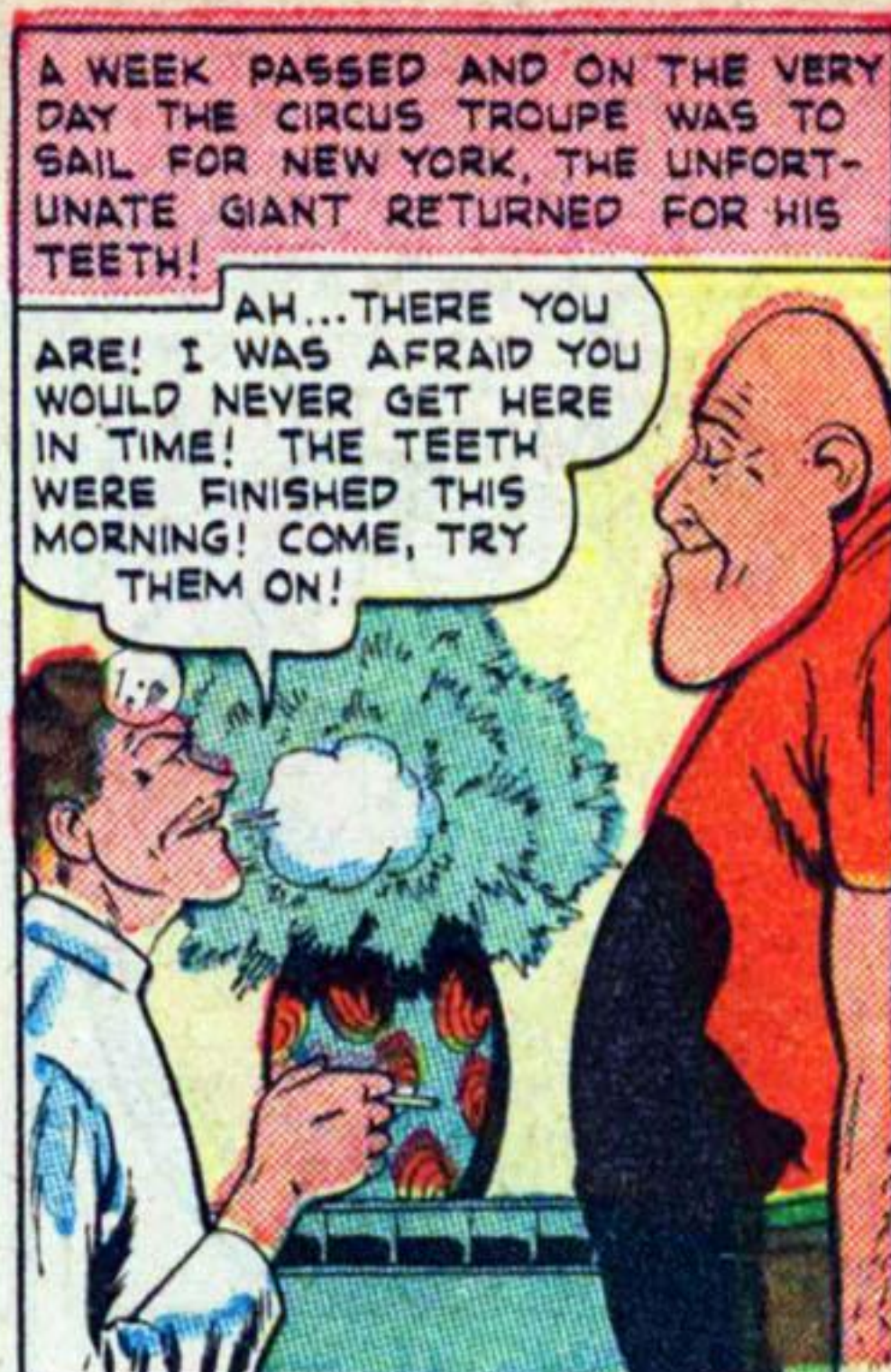
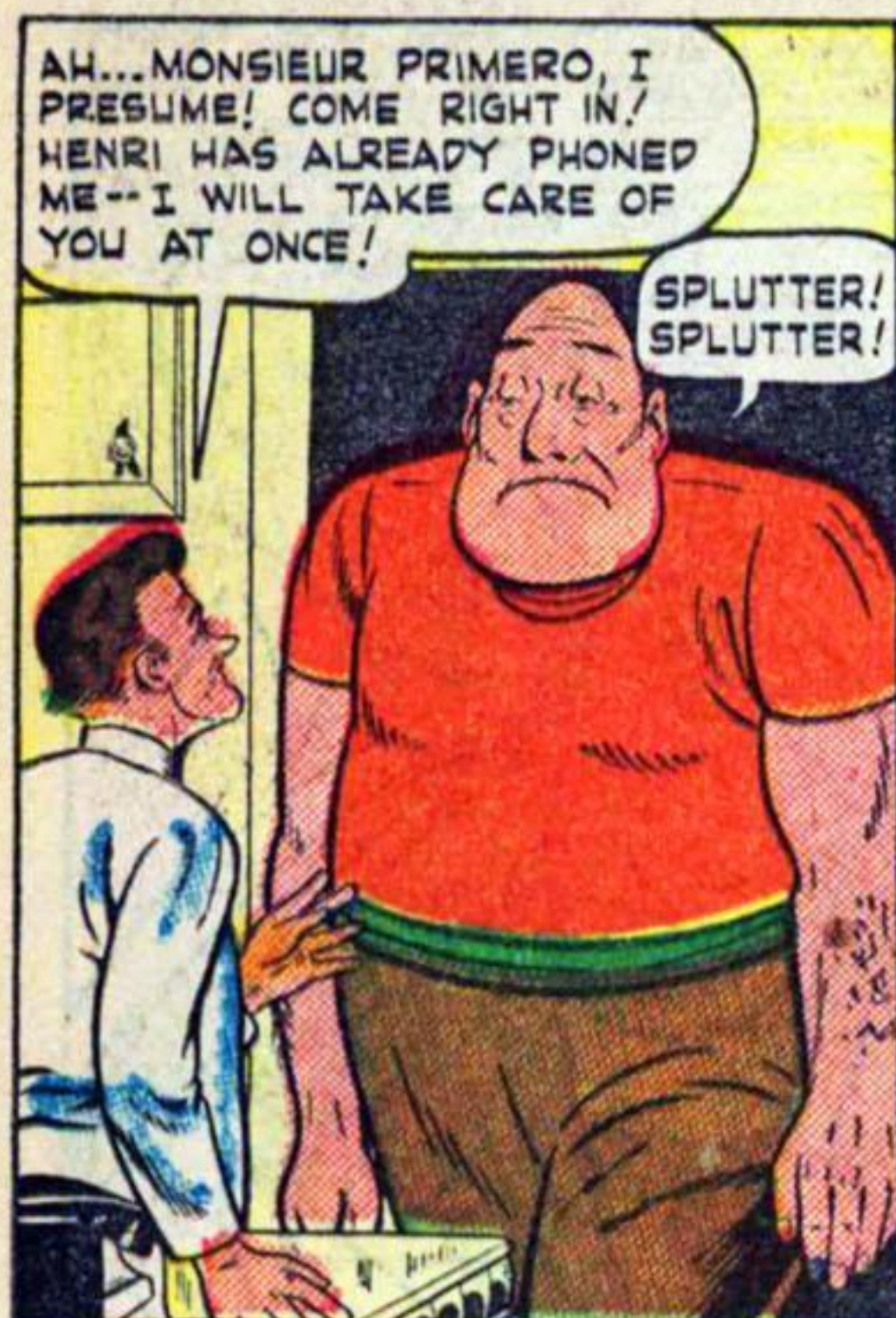
THE WHOLE TROUPE! THEN
THE GIANT IS SAILING TOO!
PEPE, WE'VE FOUND OUR
MAN!

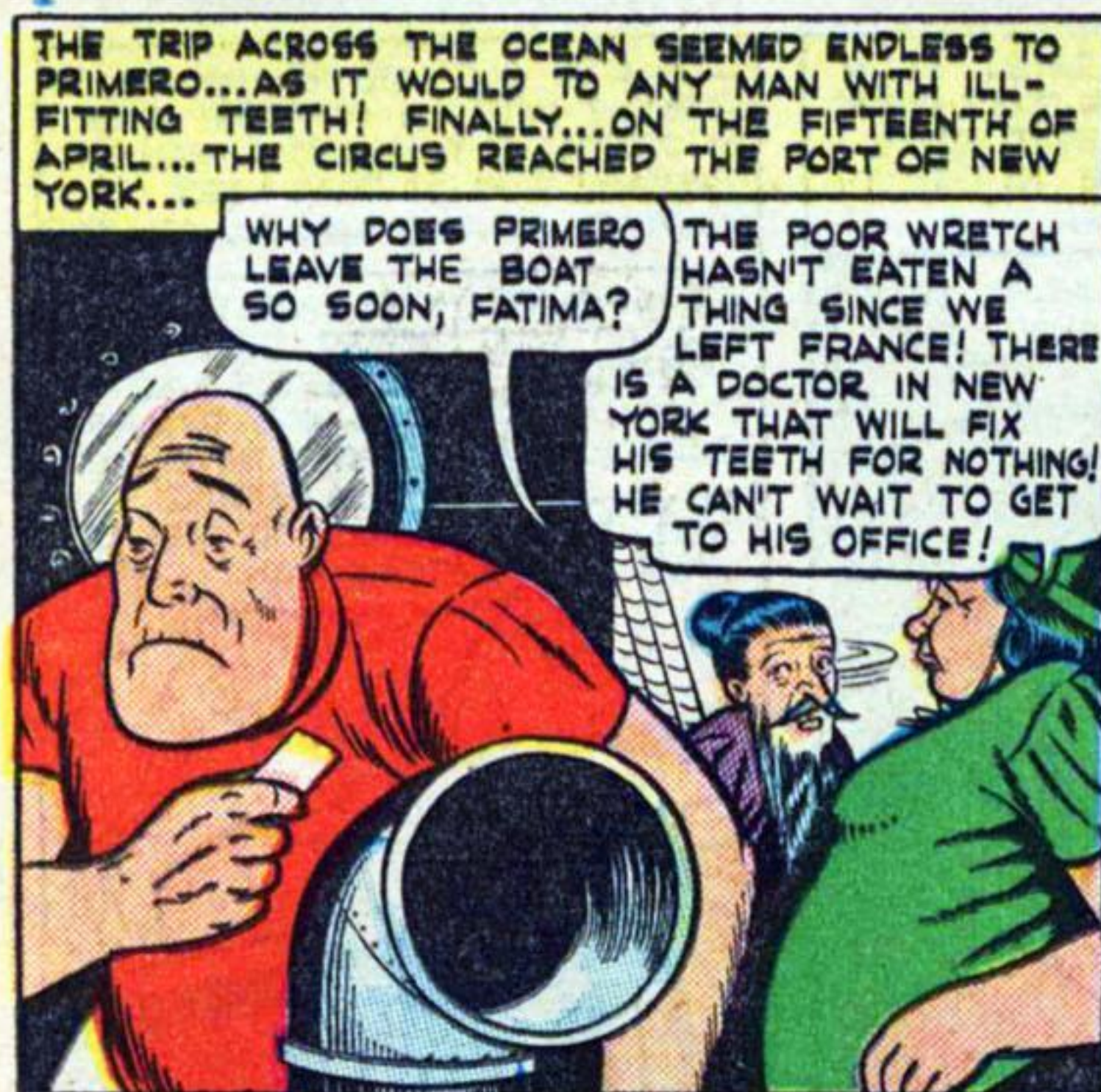
...AND THE BIGGEST ONE
IN ALL FRANCE! THIS IS
THE CHANCE OF A LIFE
TIME! WE MUST WORK
FAST!



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LOOKS LIKE THAT DENTIST HAS JUST LOST A CUSTOMER, INSPECTOR! HE'S DEAD! I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE HIS BODY TO THE CITY MORGUE... NOBODY ELSE SEEMS TO WANT IT!

I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE ABOUT THAT, CLANCY! PROFESSOR LADOURNE, AT THE MEDICAL COLLEGE, WOULD GIVE HIS RIGHT TIBIA FOR A CORPSE LIKE THAT!

A SUDDEN, TRAGIC TWIST OF FATE... AND PRIMERO THE GIANT WAS DEAD! BUT WHAT OF DR. GEORGE DUBOURG? WHAT OF HIM?

OF ALL THE LUCK! ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES AND THAT BIG BABOON WOULD HAVE BEEN IN OUR OFFICE! INSTEAD HE GETS HIT WITH A TRUCK!

YEAH! I GUESS THAT'S SOMETHING WE DIDN'T FIGURE ON, DOC! WAIT TILL THE BOYS ON THE OTHER SIDE HEAR ABOUT THIS!

CIRCUS GI!

DOC...I HAVE AN IDEA! WHY CAN'T YOU AND ME GO TO THE MORGUE AND CLAIM THE BODY?

HERMAN... YOU'RE A GENIUS!

DOCTOR DUBOURG AND HIS CONFEDERATE HURRIED TO THE CITY MORGUE!

SORRY, GENTLEMEN, BUT YOU'RE A LITTLE LATE! WE'VE ALREADY HANDED THE BODY OVER TO PROFESSOR LADOURNE AT THE MEDICAL COLLEGE! THE PROFESSOR IS GOING TO USE IT IN HIS ANATOMY CLASS!

BUT WE ARE OLD FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY... AND WE WANT TO GIVE HIM A DECENT BURIAL!

THE TWO CONFEDERATES SOON REALIZED THAT IF THEY WERE TO GET THE COVETED BODY, THEY WOULD HAVE TO GET IT BY OTHER MEANS!

YOU'LL HAVE TO ARGUE WITH THE PROFESSOR ABOUT THAT, GENTLEMEN! HE'S A VERY STUBBORN MAN!

FATE WAS SLOW TO RELINQUISH ITS STRANGE HOLD ON PRIMERO! EVEN IN DEATH HE REMAINED A MAN OF DESTINY! FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT, AT THE MEDICAL COLLEGE!

THE STUDENTS WILL GO WILD OVER THIS SPECIMEN, PROFESSOR!

YES, CHARLES... INDEED THEY WILL! THIS IS THE KIND OF CORPSE ONE DREAMS ABOUT AND NEVER SEES! THIS IS A GENUINE THROWBACK TO PRE-HISTORIC MAN!

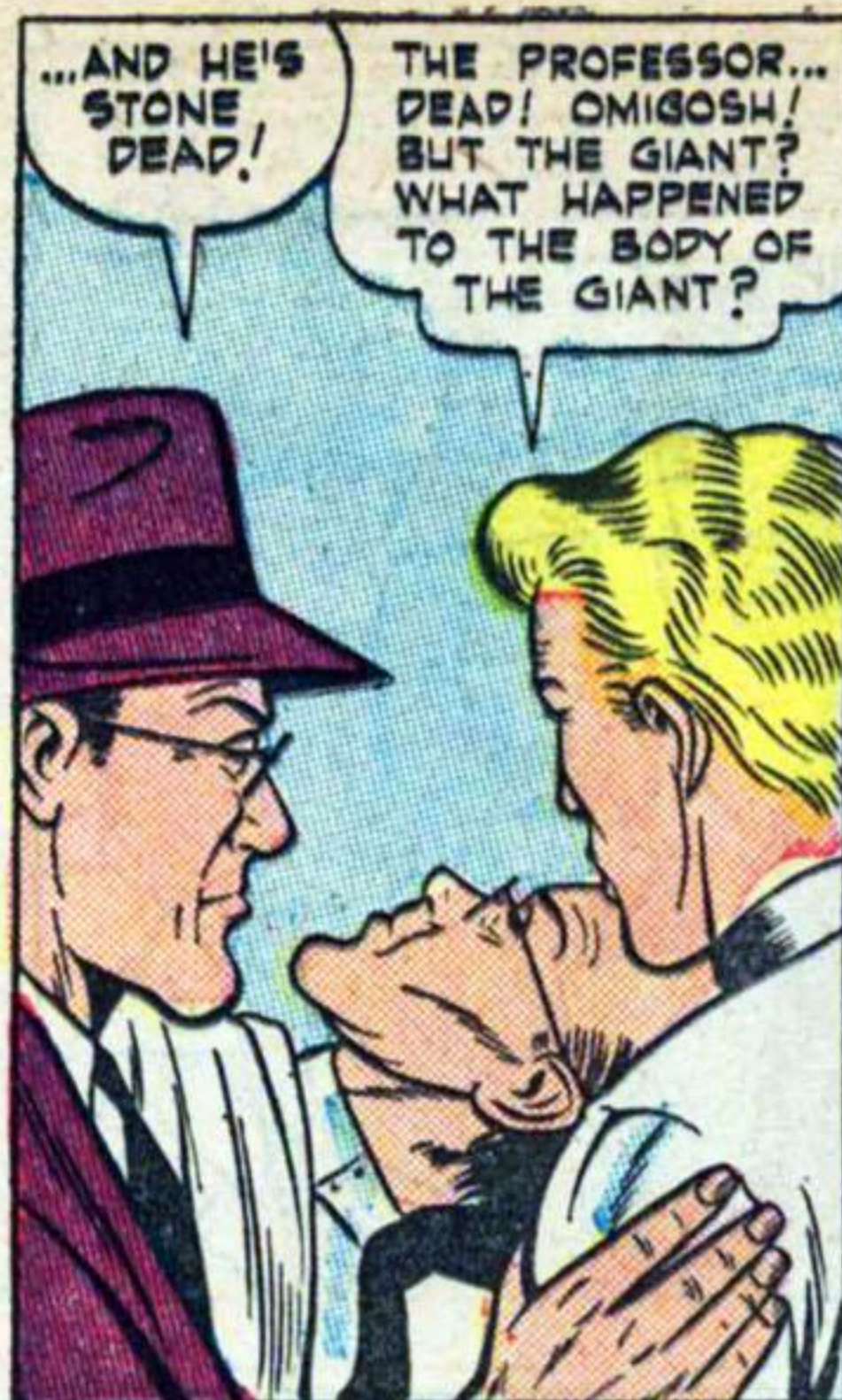
CONFOUND IT, PROFESSOR, I CAN'T OPEN THE JAW! THE THING IS LOCKED TIGHT AS A DRUM!

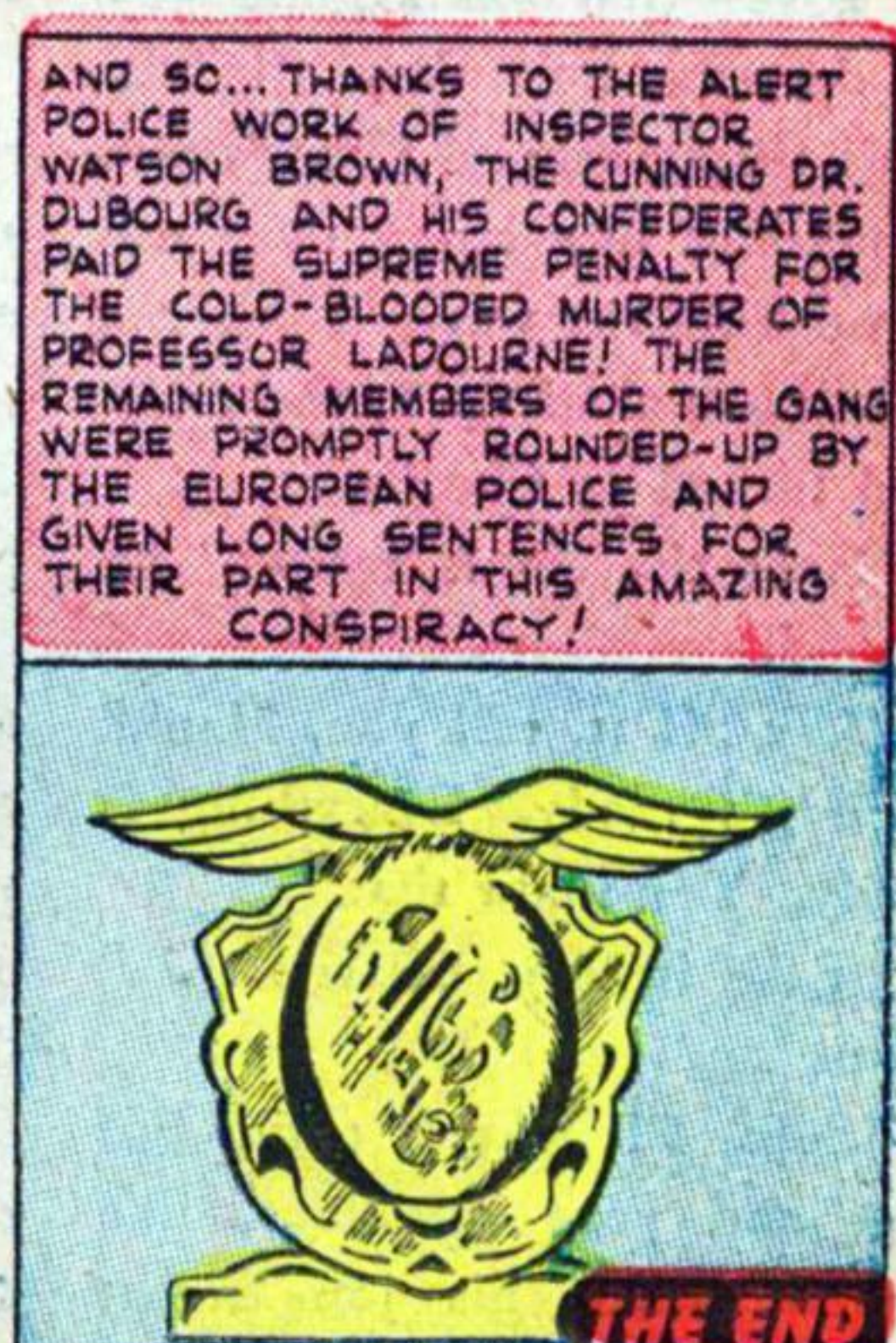
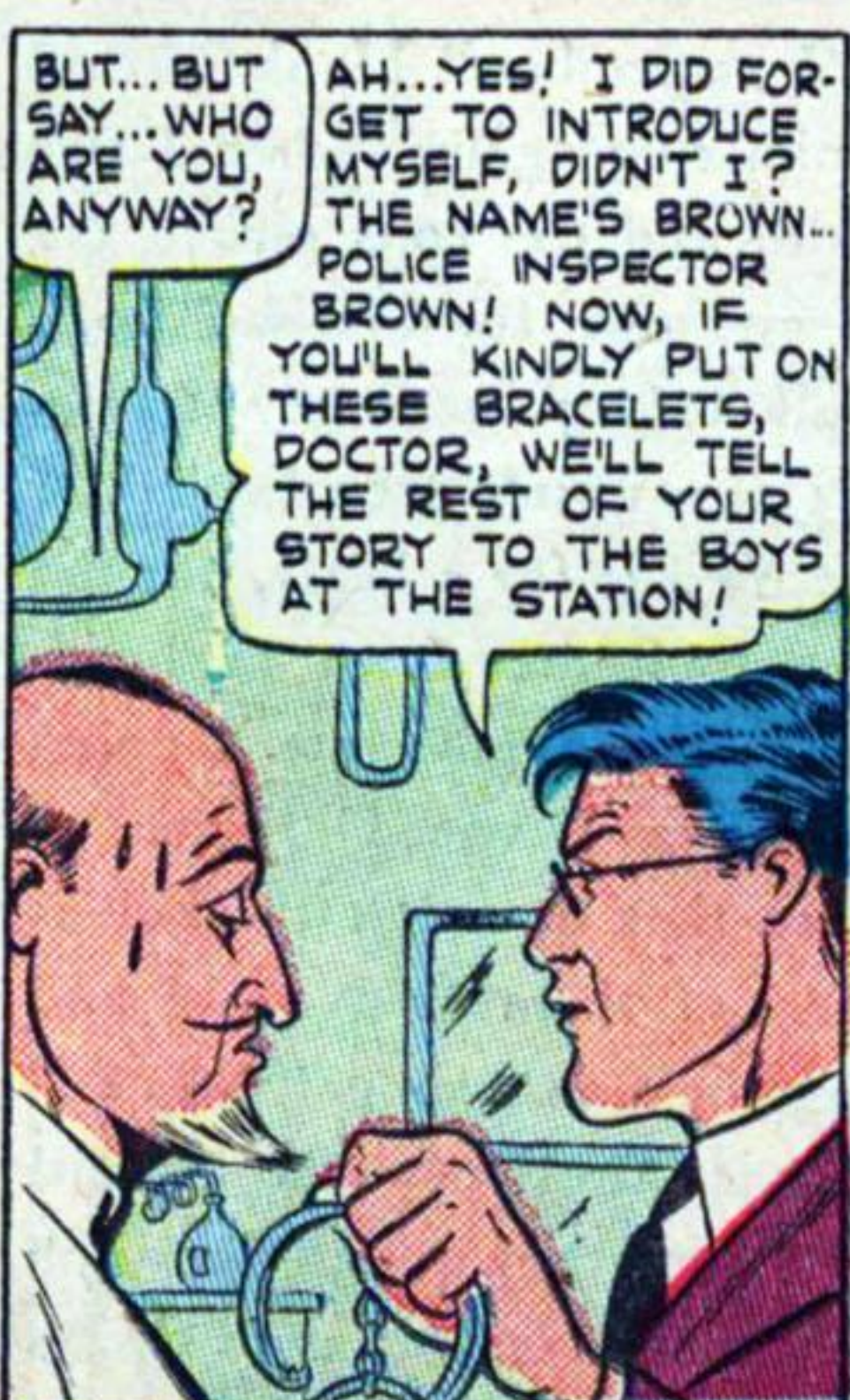
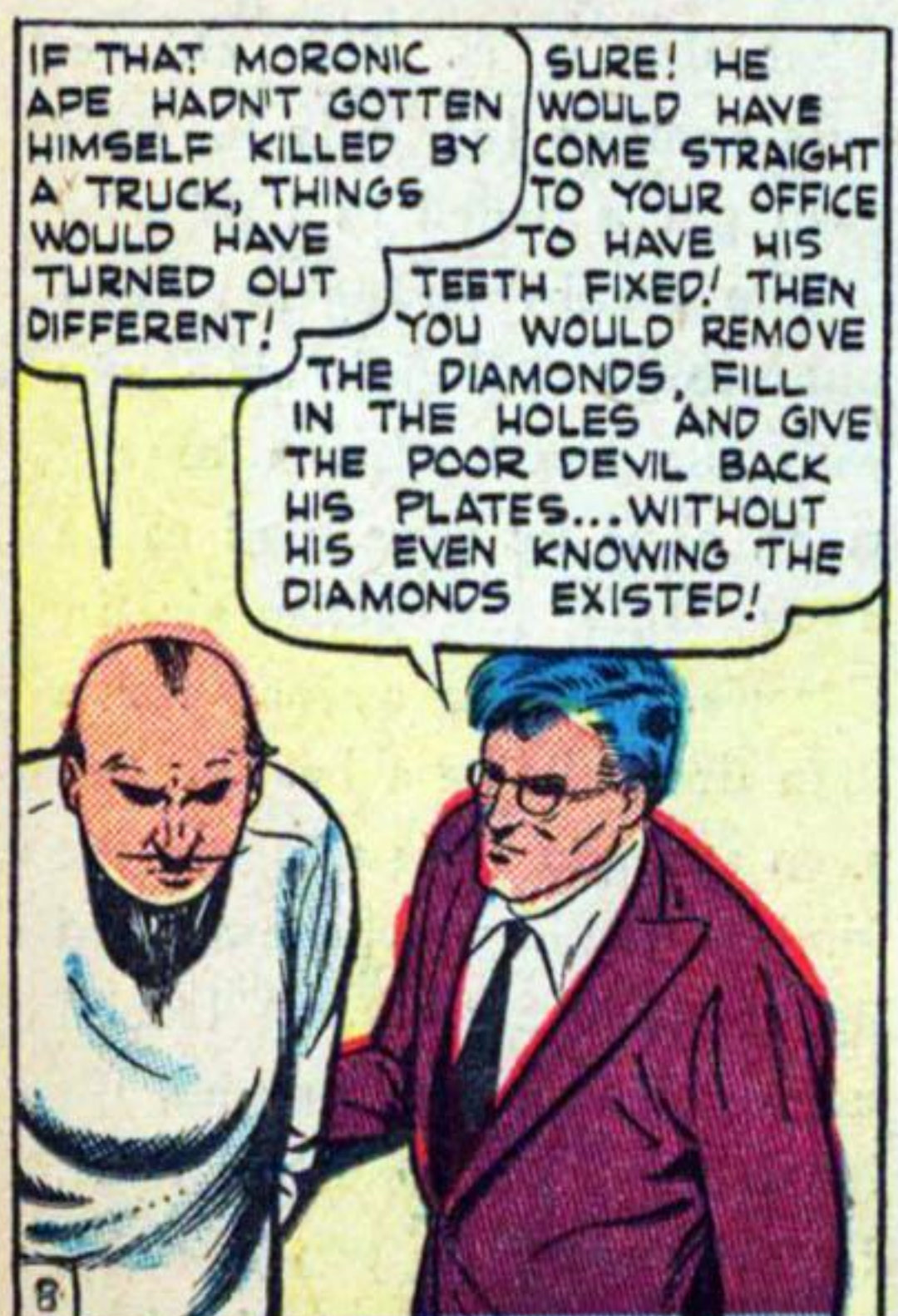
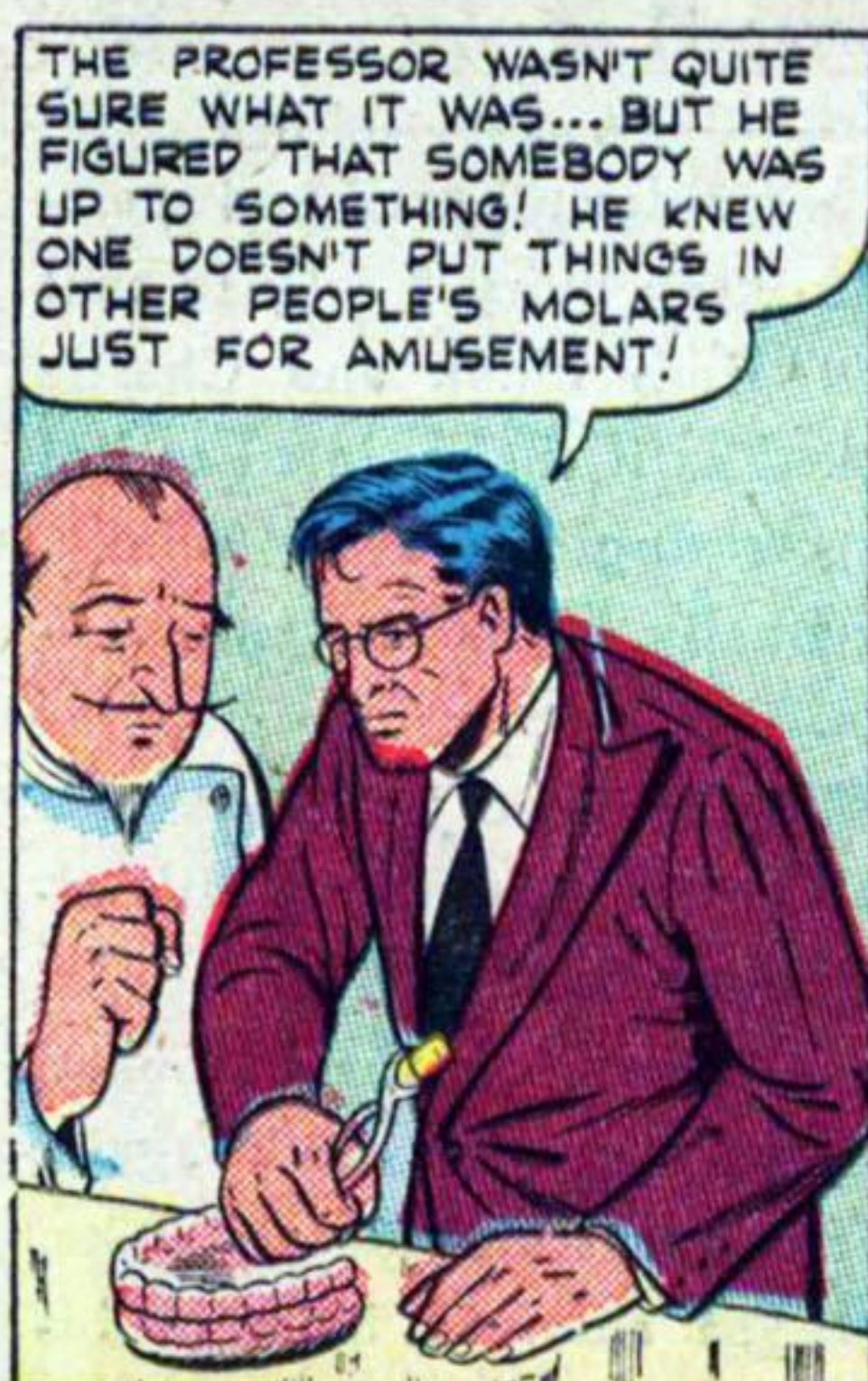
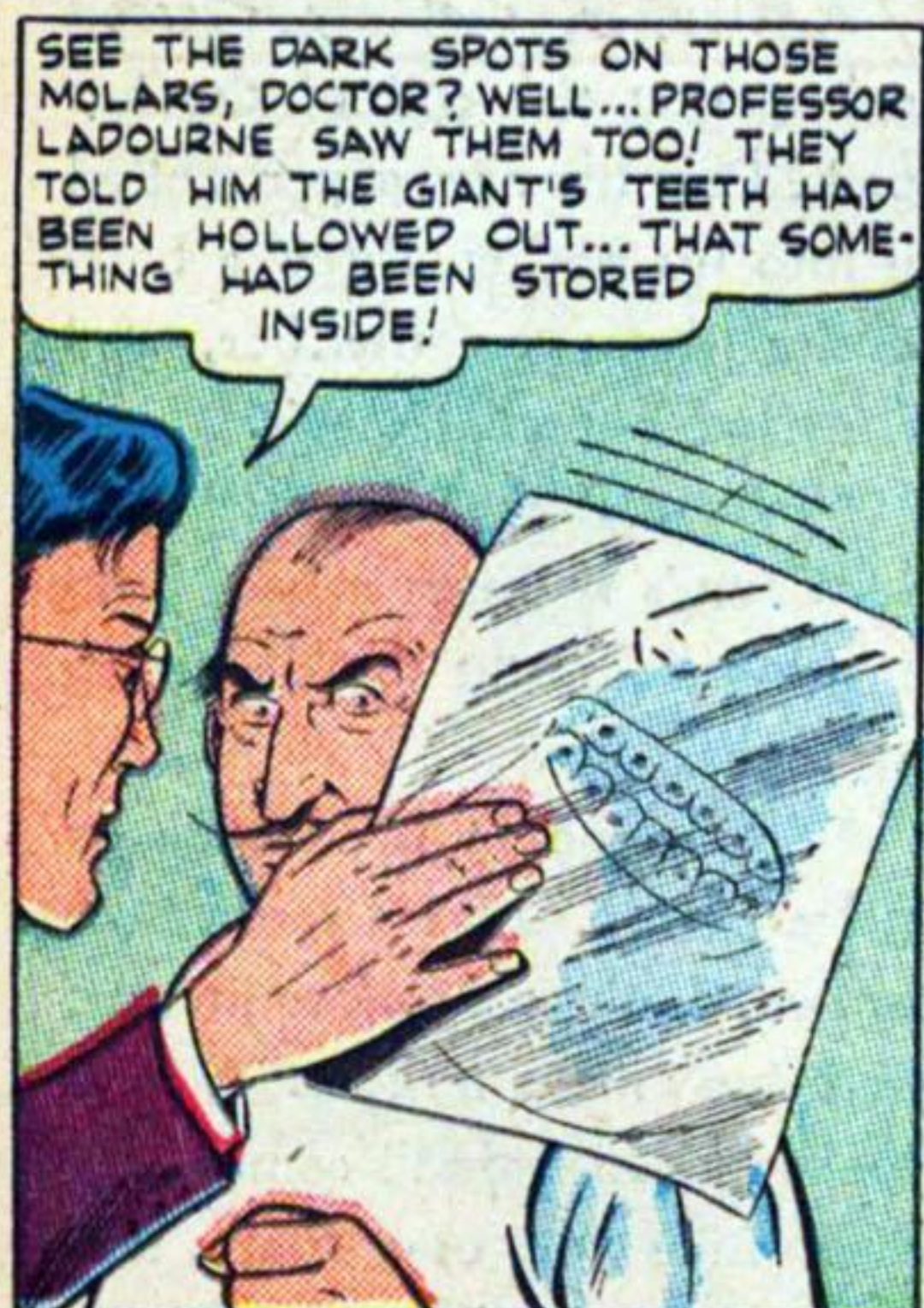
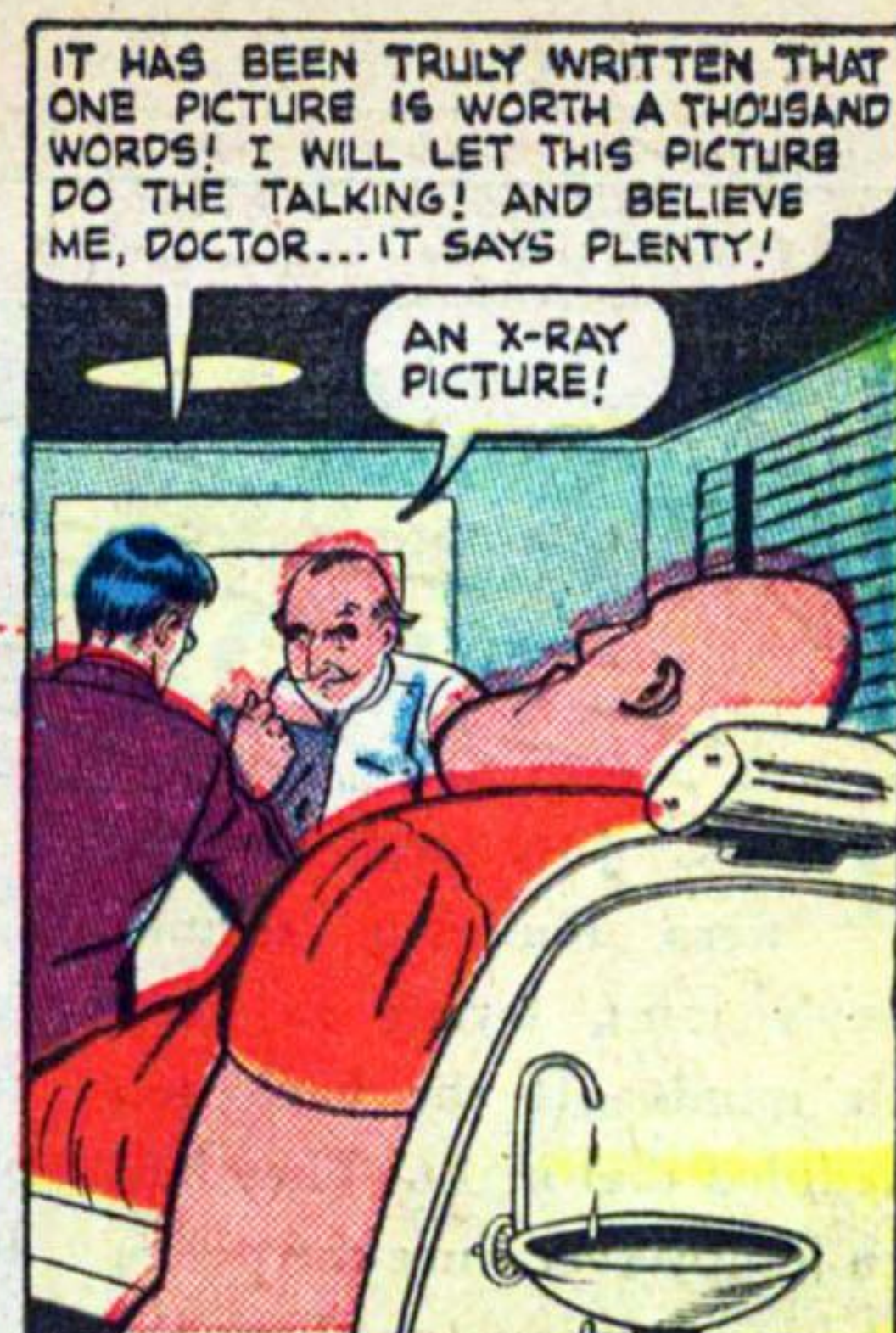
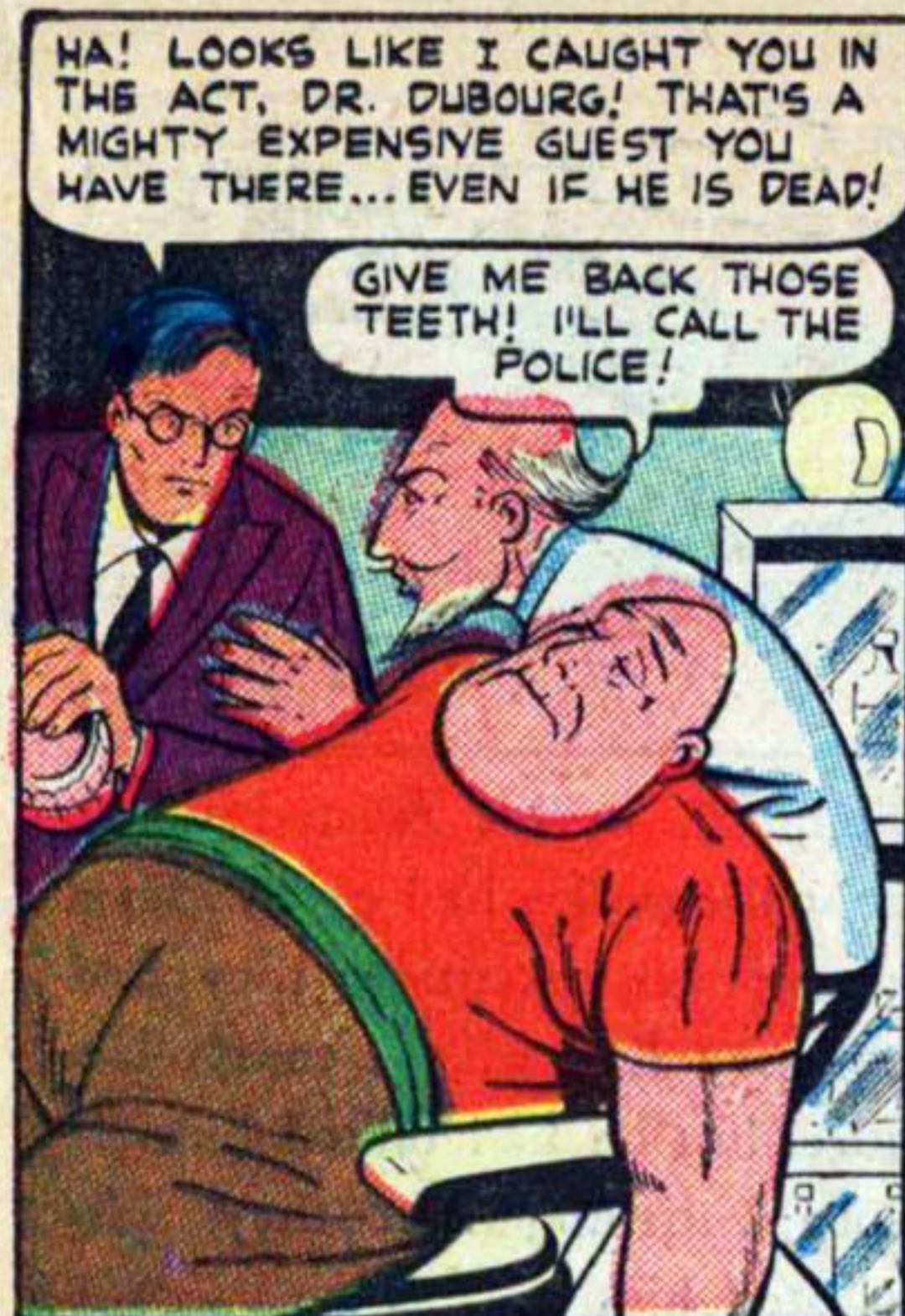
LOOK AT HIS FACE...IT'S ALL BRUISED! THE POOR DEVIL MUST HAVE LANDED ON HIS JAW WHEN THE TRUCK KNOCKED HIM OVER!

HA! THE BLOW AGAINST THE PAVEMENT! THAT'S WHAT MUST HAVE CAUSED THE HINGES TO LOCK!

OR IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SPASM, PROFESSOR... A MUSCULAR SPASM BROUGHT ON BY THE SHOCK OF SUDDEN DEATH!







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HANK, Joe, and Charlie were lounging around Casey's joint, trying to keep their minds off the bank job scheduled that night. They had been jumpy ever since the police had been waiting for them the night they planned to rob the LaMode Jewelry Company. It was just plain luck that got them out of that jam, and it was a cinch not one of them wanted to come that close again.

Joe took a cigarette out of his pack and lighted it. His mind was a million miles away, as he tapped a pencil on the table. It used to make the gang nervous, but they knew that Joe was a bug with that tapping, just as some other guy might stroke his hair when his nerves were on edge. Nerves on edge—that was a good way to describe how they all felt. This sitting around Casey's was something like going over the top during the war.

Hank looked up at the clock and turned to Charlie.

"Sure the car is ready?" he rasped.

"Lay off it, will you, Hank? Sure it's ready. Everything is ready. You know that."

"Take it easy, Charlie . . ." Hank said.

"Sure, I'll take it easy. But you and your questions, like nobody knew his job except you. It's enough to drive a guy crazy," Charlie said.

Joe looked at Hank and Charlie and under his breath told them to stop snapping at each other. "What's the sense of us fighting?" he asked them angrily. "Save your energy for the cops next time we get into a scrap!"

Meantime Joe tapped with his worn-down pencil and seemed to keep himself relaxed that way. Both Hank and Charlie looked as if they wanted to kill him, sitting there so calmly, but finally, Hank broke the tension.

"You're right, Joe. Guess we both better quiet down. It's almost time now."

All three of them looked nervously at the clock again. There was still time to waste, and Joe slumped back in his chair.

"I remember," Hank started reminiscing again, "when I was a kid, and the cops picked me up one day for sticking up a small bakery near my house. The gun wasn't even loaded. I just used it for a bluff, but the cops took me down to headquarters and gave me a going over like I was Dillinger. I swore that day that I'd kill as many of them as I could and dare them to ever get me . . ."

That kind of talk started every time they waited for a job to happen. Nervous men always start repeating the same old stories. By now Hank really

believed, in his twisted mind, that the police had given him a going-over. Actually they had released him with a tough lecture, but he had talked himself into believing that they mistreated him . . .

A slender, shabbily dressed stranger at the end of the bar picked up his newspaper, rolled it into his pocket, threw a half-dollar down on the bar, and shuffled out of Casey's.

"Who's the skeleton?" one of Casey's regulars asked, jerking his thumb at the departing stranger.

"Guy came in here once or twice before. Has a quiet beer or two, don't ever talk to no one, and don't make no fuss. Always looks like his mind's somewhere else. Like Joe, over there, tapping that pencil, not noticing what day it is. This character's another Joe, only he ain't even got a pencil to tap."

The shabby stranger walked out into the cool night air, damp with the smell of the nearby river, as if he were glad to be away from the stale air in Casey's. Strange actions for a man dressed like a barfly. But even stranger than this was the aimless way in which he ambled up to 17th Street and leaned against a lamppost under the harsh glare of the street light. In a moment or two a sleek, black limousine stopped where he was standing, and the strang-

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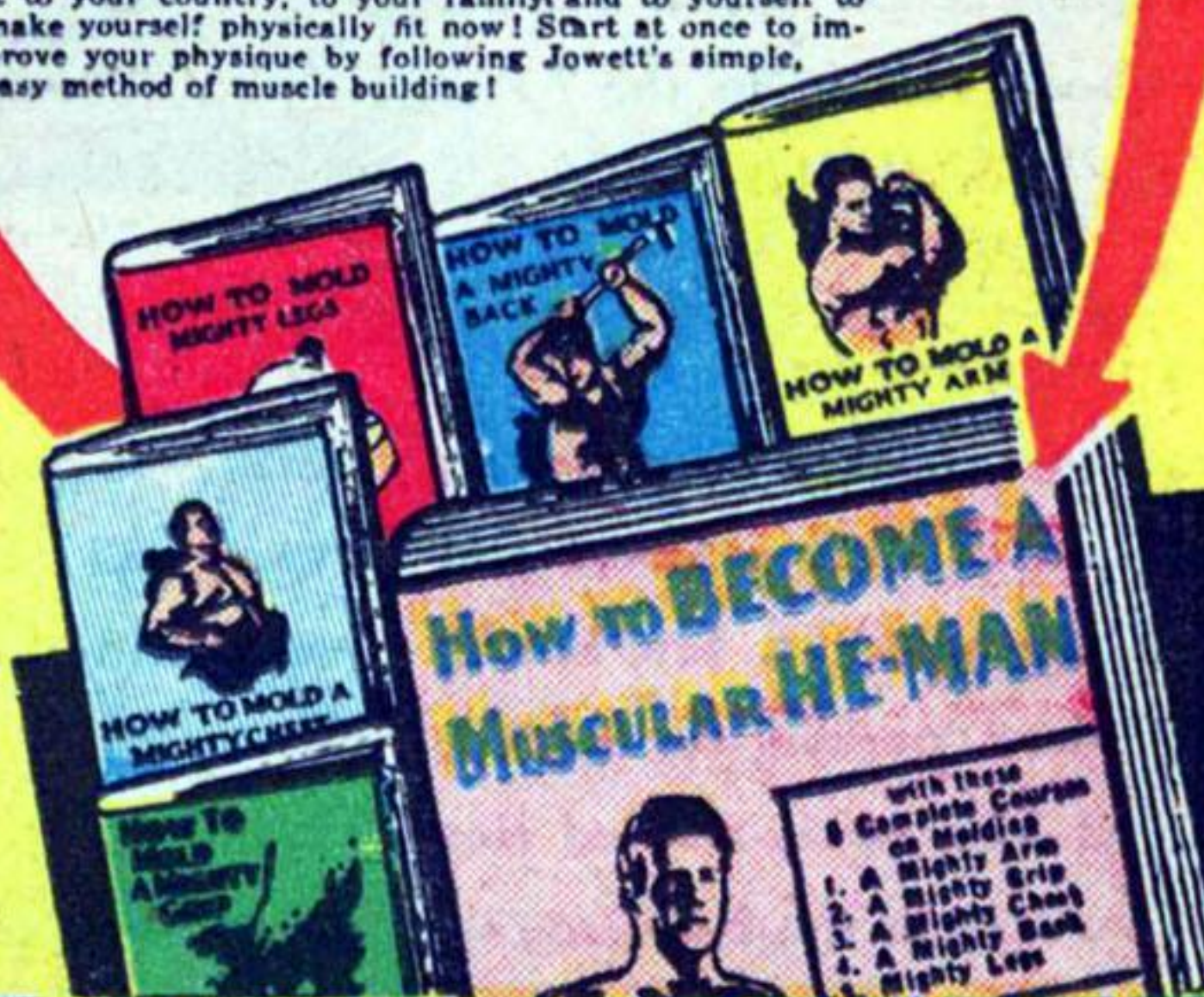
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er opened the rear door and got in.

Once inside the car, the man picked up the hand telephone and barked into the mouthpiece. "This is Detective John Cassidy, Centre Street Station," he told the operator, and when he was connected with the home office of the New York police, he continued:

"Lieutenant Johnson, fast . . . hello, Johnson, get this . . . Eastern National Bank, 38th and Lexington . . . that's right . . . the Daly crowd. They've got nitro, tommy guns, and the watchman is in on it. Take the whole squad, and you won't have any trouble . . . Okay, I'll tell you later how I got the dope. So long. Good luck!"

That ended the telephone conversation between Cassidy in his official car and Johnson at Centre Street which started the wheels rolling in the heart of the world's largest police force.

In just a minute or two, four squad cars, packed with police, raced out of Centre Street and up to the bank. A few blocks away they parked, unloaded, signaled to a newly-arrived riot truck to stay in the background and the men proceeded on foot to 38th Street and Lexington. There they hid in doorways and in alleys, completely surrounding the bank, without making their presence known.

A short vigil and the awaited car arrived, bearing Hank,

Charlie and Joe. The police stayed out of sight, as the three men walked nonchalantly to the bank entrance and calmly tapped the glass door just hard enough to crack the glass. Joe reached in, unlatched the door, and opened it for his companions.

Lieutenant Johnson blew his whistle, fired in the air, and shouted, "Lift 'em! Come out with your hands high. We've got you covered!"



Hank and Charlie whirled. Each was carrying a machine gun, and they lifted their hands still clutching their weapons high over their heads. Meantime, Joe, who was supposed to be so cool and careful, dashed like a frightened dog behind the safe granite and steel walls of the building.

Hank called, "Okay coppers, you got us! We can take it," he snarled. "Not like that yellow-bellied Joe hiding inside the bank. Get him and pump him

full of lead, or I'll do it myself!"

The police came out of the hiding places and started across the street toward Hank and Charlie. They were carefully approaching, with guns trained on the gangsters, when suddenly, as if by signal, Hank and Charlie lowered their tommy guns and started shooting at the police.

"I'll get you now," Hank shouted. "I'll take you with me, just like I always said!"

"Rat-tat-tat-tat," spat the gun of Lieutenant Johnson. And for all his bravado, Hank, along with his henchman Charlie, went down on the pavement, his body riddled through and through by police bullets.

The police ran past the bodies and into the bank after Joe. Then, from across the street, came John Cassidy, the lean stranger from Casey's. And as the police dragged Joe into the street, Cassidy walked up and threw his arm around Joe's shoulder.

"Say, Joe," he said, "when we left the Navy, did you ever think you'd tap that pencil of yours, and I'd be listening to it? Did you ever think you'd sit in a joint like Casey's, tap out Eastern National Bank and all the rest? You really made some good use of that Morse Code they taught us at Great Lakes!"

THE END

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THIS IS A NICE CHEERFUL PLACE, CHUCK! THIS LOOKS LIKE A SWELL PLACE TO BE BURIED!

ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOU **WILL** BE, MARLOW! PLUG 'EM, BOYS, IF THEY GET RESTLESS!

BASED ON A TRUE STORY!

CHARLIE "CHUCK" ARNOLD

BORN: 1903 IN BROOKLYN
PRESENT ADDRESS: STATE PRISON, OSSINING

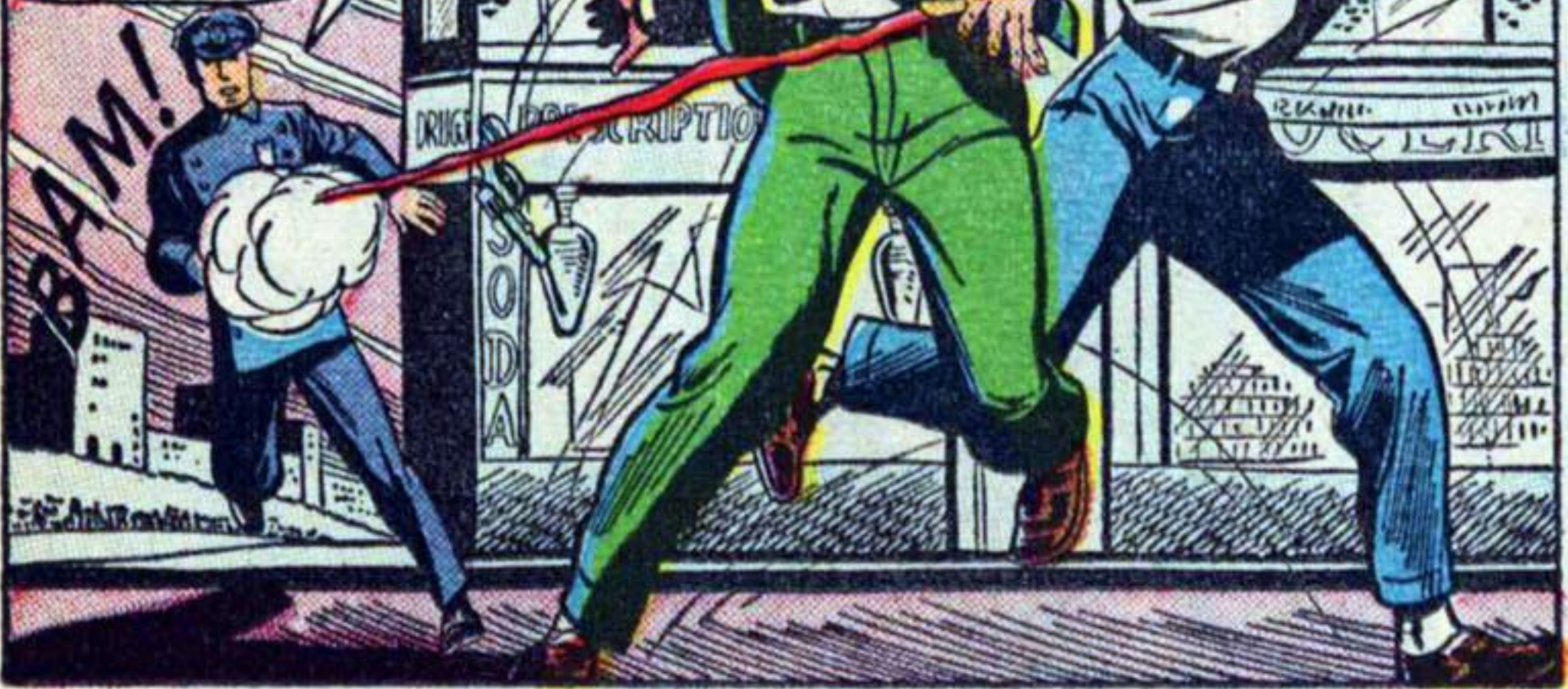
THE FIXER!

HIS MOB COULD "FIX" ANYTHING... EXCEPT THEIR OWN LIVES!

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CHARLIE "CHUCK" ARNOLD WAS TOUGH AND SHREWD, BUT THE LAW IS TOUGHER AND SHREWER! ARNOLD LEARNED THAT ON FEBRUARY 24, 1924...

THROW DOWN THAT GUN, JACK!



OKAY, COPPER, I GIVE UP! THEY'LL HANG A BURGLARY AND SULLIVAN LAW RAP ON ME -- BUT I'LL TELL 'EM GINO KNOCKED OFF THE STORE OWNER!

GOIN' STRAIGHT WHEN THEY SPRING US NEXT MONTH, CHUCK? THE BULLS ALWAYS GET US GUYS SOONER OR LATER!

NOT ME, THEY WON'T! I GOT BRAINS, KNUCKLES... AN' I'M WILLIN' TUH USE A ROD! ME AN' YOU ARE GONNA GRAB SOME BIG DOUGH!



TWO AND A HALF MONTHS LATER...

ALL RIGHT, FLAT-FOOT, GO EASY ON THAT TRIGGER! HOW'D YOU KNOW WE WUZ GONNA PULL THE JOB? SOMEBODY SQUEAL?

IT'S SIMPLE, ARNOLD! WE KNOW STUPID PUNKS LIKE YOU WON'T WORK FOR A LIVING--SO WE TAILED YOU TWO FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS! IT'S BACK UP THE RIVER FOR YOU!



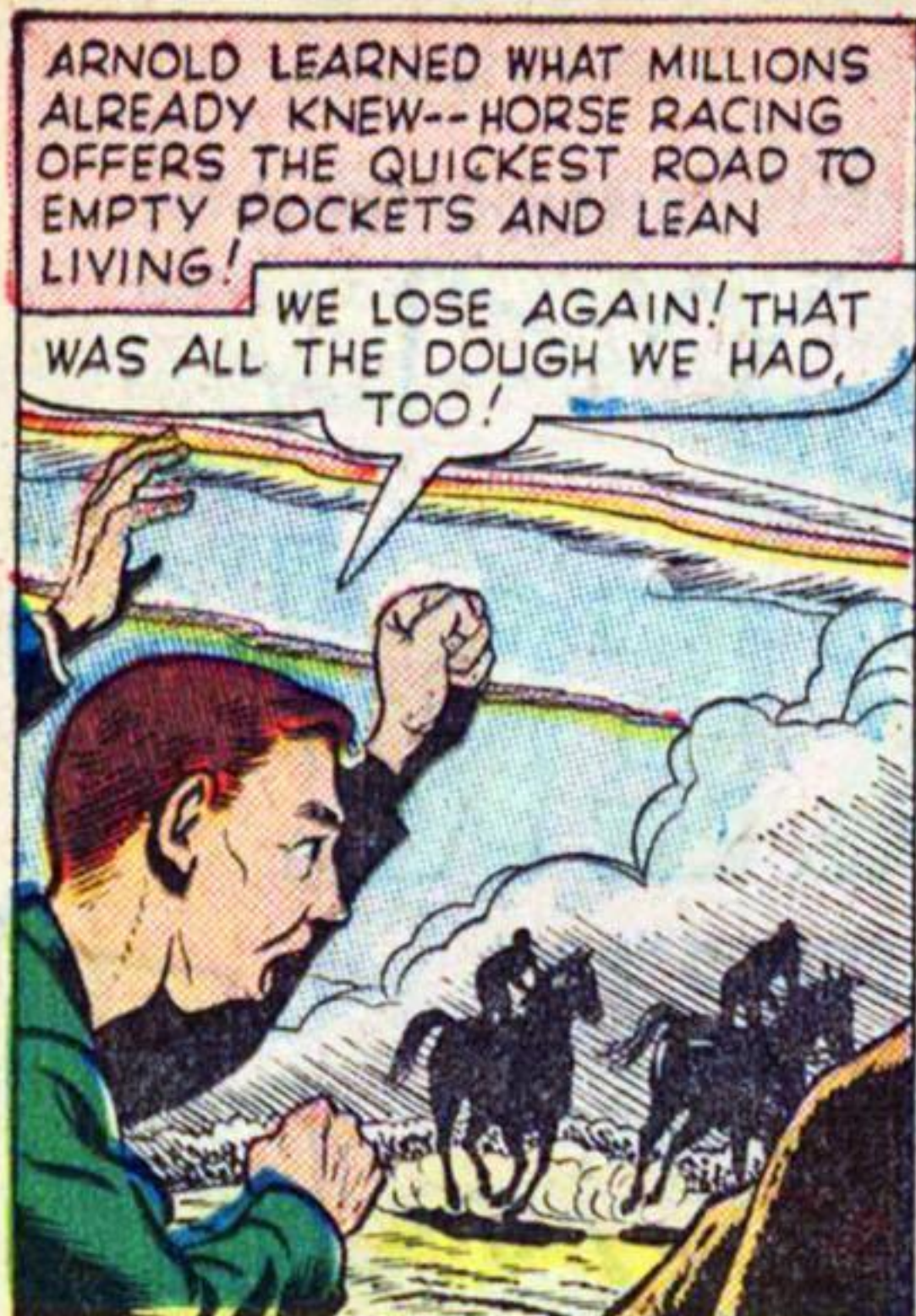
NINE YEARS LATER--

YOU'LL BE BACK, ARNOLD! YOU WON'T LAST LONG ON THE OUTSIDE!

AW, SHUT UP! I GOT BIG PLANS! NO MORE PENNY ANTE STUFF FER US! WE'RE GOING TO THE RACE TRACK WHERE THE REAL MONEY IS!



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CHUCK HAD A SURE THING ALL RIGHT! BUT THERE WERE SEVERAL "SURE THINGS" IN THAT RACE...



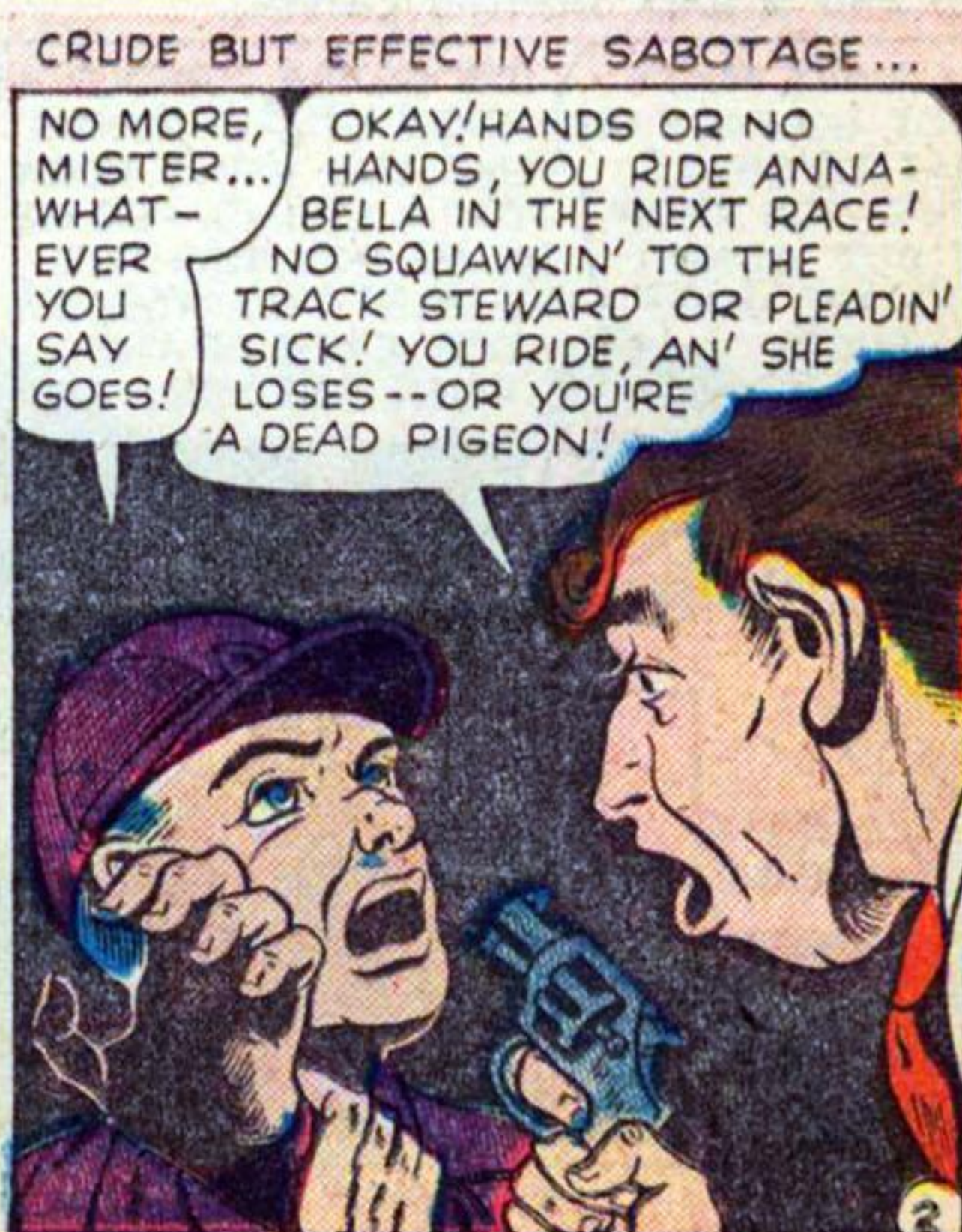
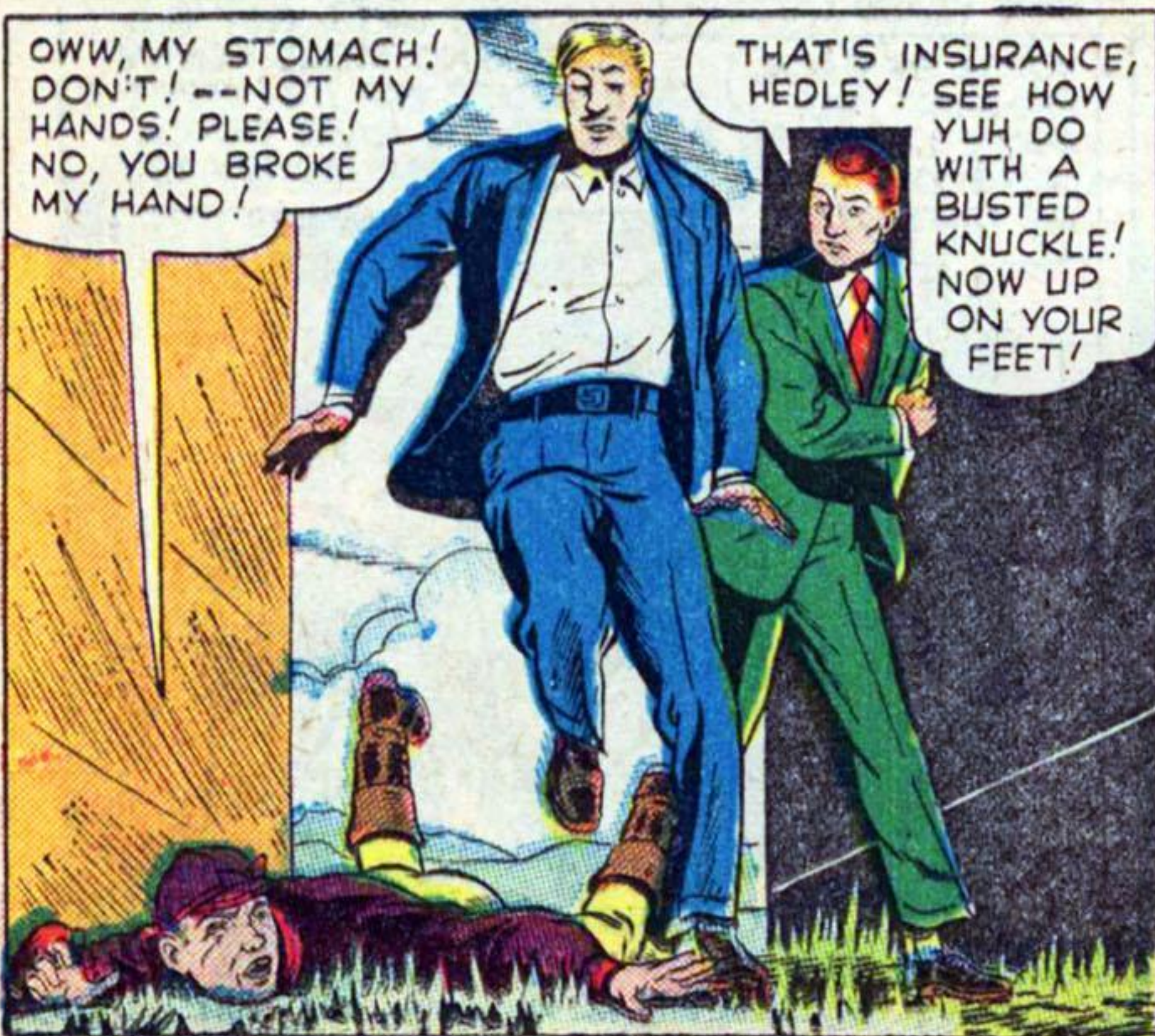
YOU HEDLEY, KID--THE JOCKEY UP ON ANNABELLA? OKAY, KNUCKLES, START WORKIN' I'M OVER!



SCRAMBLE HIS INSIDES, KNUCKLES! BUT DON'T MARK HIS FACE! WE JUST WANTA MAKE SURE HE'S IN GREAT RIDIN' SHAPE!

THAT FELT LIKE ANOTHER, RIB CRACKIN'!

OW!



HEDLEY WAS A THOROUGHLY
'FRIGHTENED BOY--

DON'T
FORGET,
KID!

LISTEN, MISTER, I
COULDN'T EVEN
PLACE IF I WANTED
TO--THE WAY MY SIDE
AND BACK
FEEL!



COALVILLE CLOSED AT 12 TO
ONE! ANNABELLA'S THE ONLY
NAG WITH A CHANCE
TUH BEAT HIM!



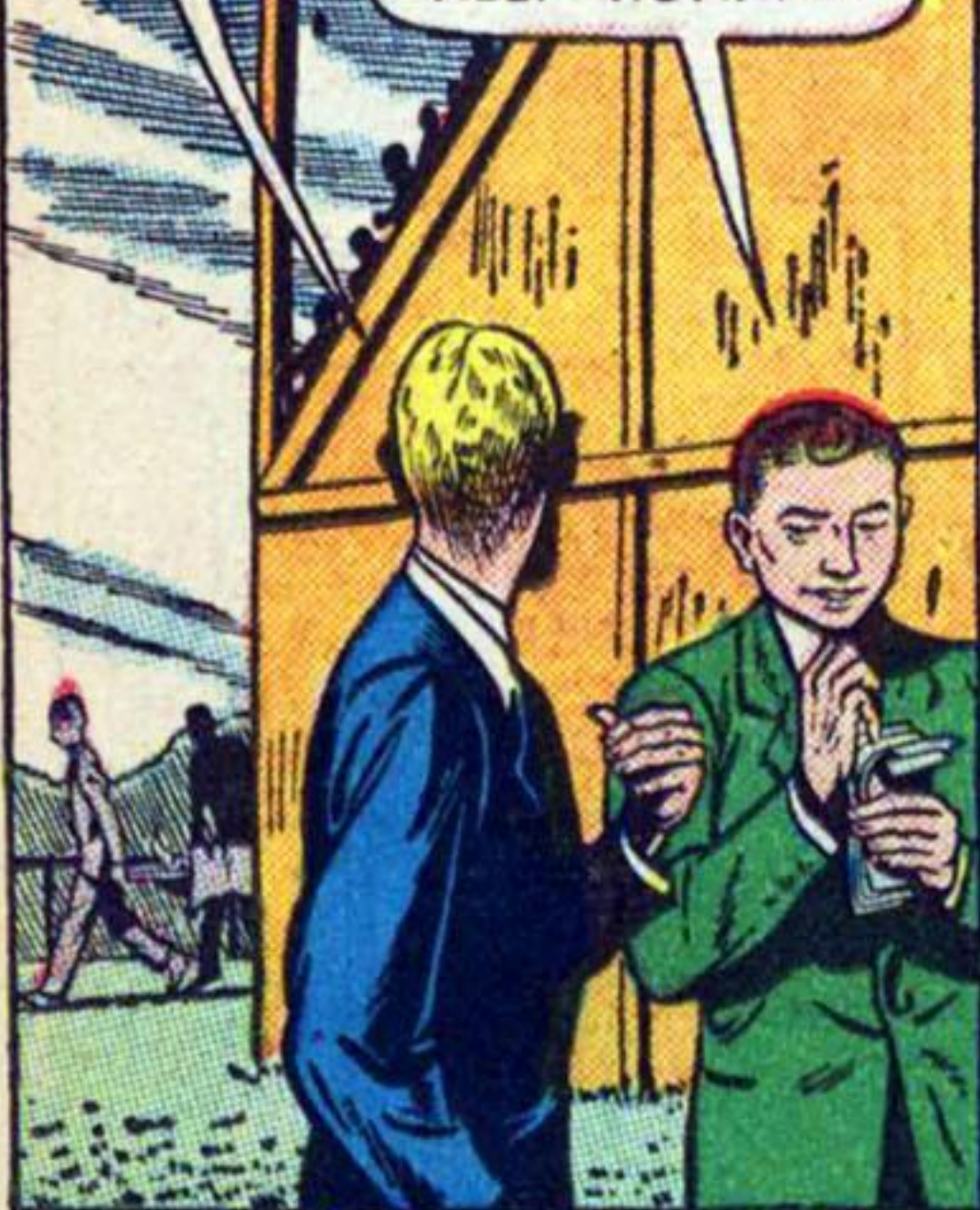
ANNABELLA COULDN'T WIN--HEDLEY
HAD TAKEN TOO MUCH OF A
BEATING! HE SWAYED ROUNDING
THE FAR END OF THE TURN AND
LOST HIS GRIP IN THE STRETCH!

COALVILLE WINS! HEY, THE HEDLEY
KID IS FALLING! IT'S JUST AS
WELL! NOBODY'LL ASK QUESTIONS
ABOUT HIS RIBS NOW!



LOOK, CHUCK!
THEY'RE
HAULIN'
THE KID
OFF TO AN
AMBULANCE!

FORGET IT--
WE GOT WHAT
WE WERE AFTER! A
LONG ODDS
WINNER--AND AN
ANGLE WE CAN
KEEP WORKIN'!



ARNOLD CARED FOR NO ONE!
HIS RUTHLESS TACTICS BEGAN
TO PAY OFF...

FOURSQUARE
LOSES IN THE
FIFTH, KID! IF
HE DON'T IT'LL
BE THE LAST
WINNER
YOU'LL
EVER
RIDE,
JOHNSON!

DON'T WORRY,
MISTER, I
DON'T MAKE
ENOUGH TUH
GET KNOCKED
OFF! THE HORSE
LOSES, LIKE YUH
SAY!



WE MAKE
FOUR GEES
ON THAT
ONE, KNUCKLES!
I CAN PICK
'EM, HUH?

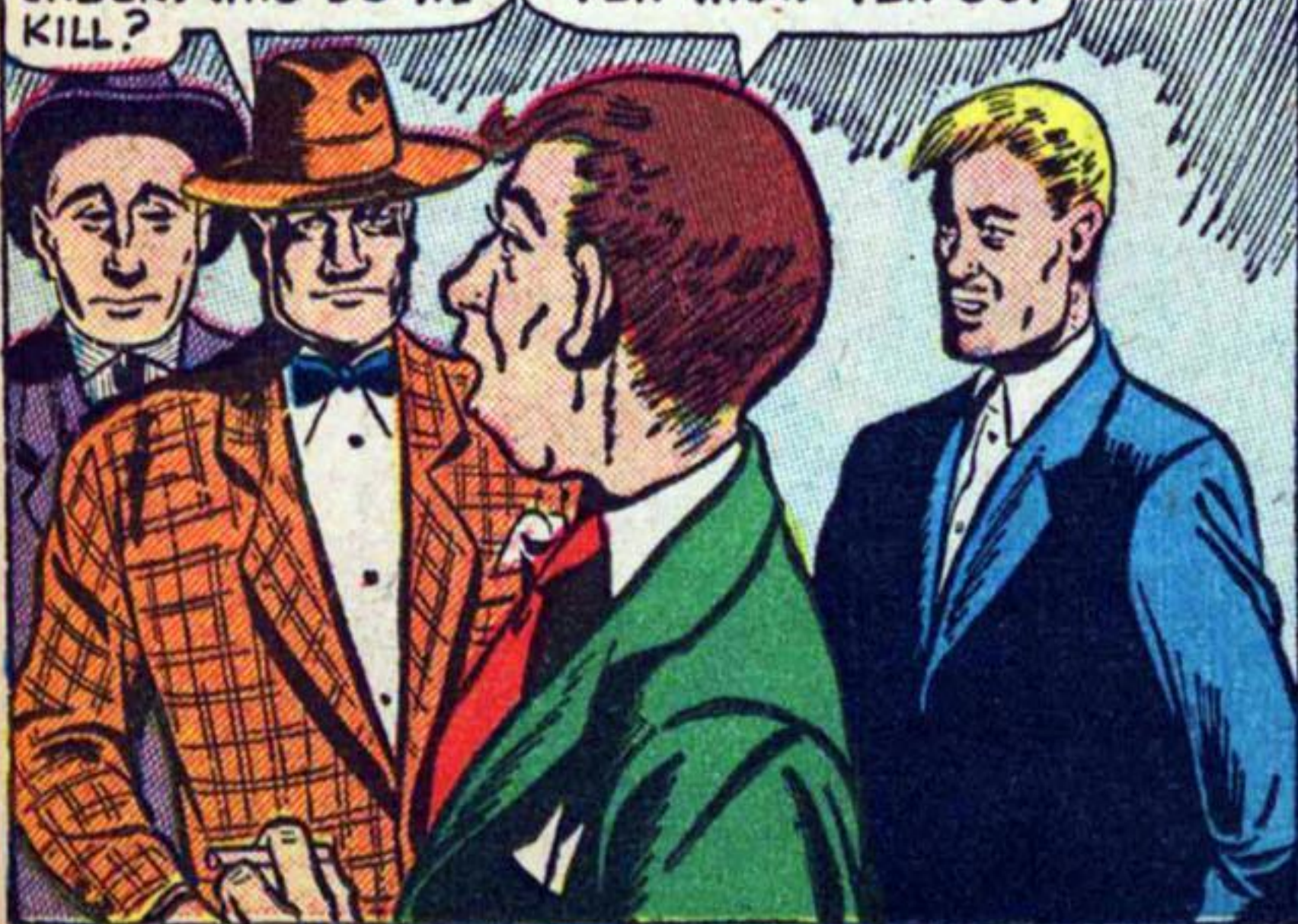
YOU SURE CAN,
CHUCK! HEY,
THERE'S A
COUPLE OF
THE BOYS--
MANNY AND
PETE...



ARNOLD WAS AMBITIOUS-- HIS
BUSINESS EXPANDED RAPIDLY!

KNUCKLES SAID YUH
GOT A JOB FER US,
CHUCK! WHO DO WE
KILL?

KILL? WHY, **MANNY!**
I JUST WANT YUH
HANDY TUH THROW
A SCARE INTUH GUYS!
STICK AROUND--I'LL TELL
YUH WHAT TUH DO!



PRESENTLY QUITE A CREW WAS BUILT UP...

DIS IS A CINCH! WE
GET GOOD DOUGH
TUH STAND AROUND
AN' TWIST A GUYS
ARM ONCE IN A
WHILE! CHUCK'S
OKAY!

I HADDA USE A SHIV
ON A JOCK TO-DAY,
BUT HE'LL LIVE! HE
WAS THREATENIN'
TUH RAT TUH THE
TRACK STEWARD,
SO I SLICED 'IM UP
A LITTLE!



HOODS WERE RECRUITED FROM EVERY CITY IN THE EAST!

ARNOLD WAS ONLY A HEIST ARTIST WHEN I KNEW 'IM IN SING-SING, BUT HE'S GOIN' UP! I'LL GET THE LOW DOWN!

YEAH, FIND OUT, PETEY! I HEAR HE SENT FOR BIG ED DARCY, FROM BALTIMORE! HE MUST FIGURE ON CRACKIN' FORT KNOX!

CHARLES ARNOLD PROM...

ME AN' THE BOYS JUS' BLEW IN FROM PHILLY, CHUCK! WHAT KINDA RACKET YOU GOT LINED UP?

IT'S SWEET, PETEY! I'VE BEEN IN THE CHIPS SINCE WE WORKED ON THE ROCK-PILE TOGETHER! I'LL TELL YUH WHAT I GOT IN MIND!

MY BUSINESS IS SIMPLE ENOUGH--I BET ON A RACE, FIGHT, OR BALL GAME--AN' THEN YOU MAKE SURE I WIN! INTERESTED?

THIS IS RIGHT UP OUR ALLEY, CHUCK--WHEN DO WE START?

ARNOLD'S GANG INVADDED EVERY SPORT! "UPSETS" HAPPENED MORE AND MORE FREQUENTLY...

I NEVER SAW BURNS LOOK THAT BAD! HE LOOKS DOPEY!

HE OUGHTTA BE -- WITH FOUR SLEEPING PILLS IN HIS WATER BOTTLE!

WHO'RE THOSE GUYS, SAM? THEY HAD THE WINNER IN EVERY FIGHT!

HE'S CHUCK ARNOLD! I HEAR THE SYNDICATE CALLS HIM FOR INFO, THESE DAYS!

THE BETTING SYNDICATE PUT A TRAIL ON ARNOLD...WHEN HE BET, ODDS ON HIS CHOICE DROPPED--HE WAS THE BOY WHO **KNEW!**

GIMME A THOUSAND ON THE "BENGALS", GUS! THEY'LL WIN BY TWENTY POINTS!

ARNOLD'S BETTIN' ON THE "BENGALS"! I STILL GOT TIME TO CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AND GET THEM TO LAY OFF THEIR "HORNET" MONEY!

IT WORKED, CHUCK! THERE HE GOES HEADED FOR A PHONE!

I KNEW THE SYNDICATE WAS WATCHING ME! I WASTED A THOUSAND, BUT THE DIFFERENCE IN ODDS WILL MORE THAN MAKE IT UP! I'M TOO SMART FOR 'EM!

THE PUBLIC NEVER LEARNED WHY THE ODDS ON THE BENGALS SUDDENLY SOARED! THE SYNDICATE WAS AFRAID OF ARNOLD!

ROBBY MARLOW CAN REALLY GO! THE HORNETS ARE 13 POINTS AHEAD ALREADY! HOW'D YUH FIX THIS ONE, CHUCK?

DIDN'T HAVE TUH! I FIGURED MARLOW'D GET HOT TODAY! THIS'LL MAKE THE HORNETS FAVORITES NEXT WEEK--WHEN THEY **WON'T WIN!**

THE IMPENDING TITLE GAME BETWEEN THE NEW YORK HORNETS AND THE CHICAGO JAYS WAS A NATURAL!

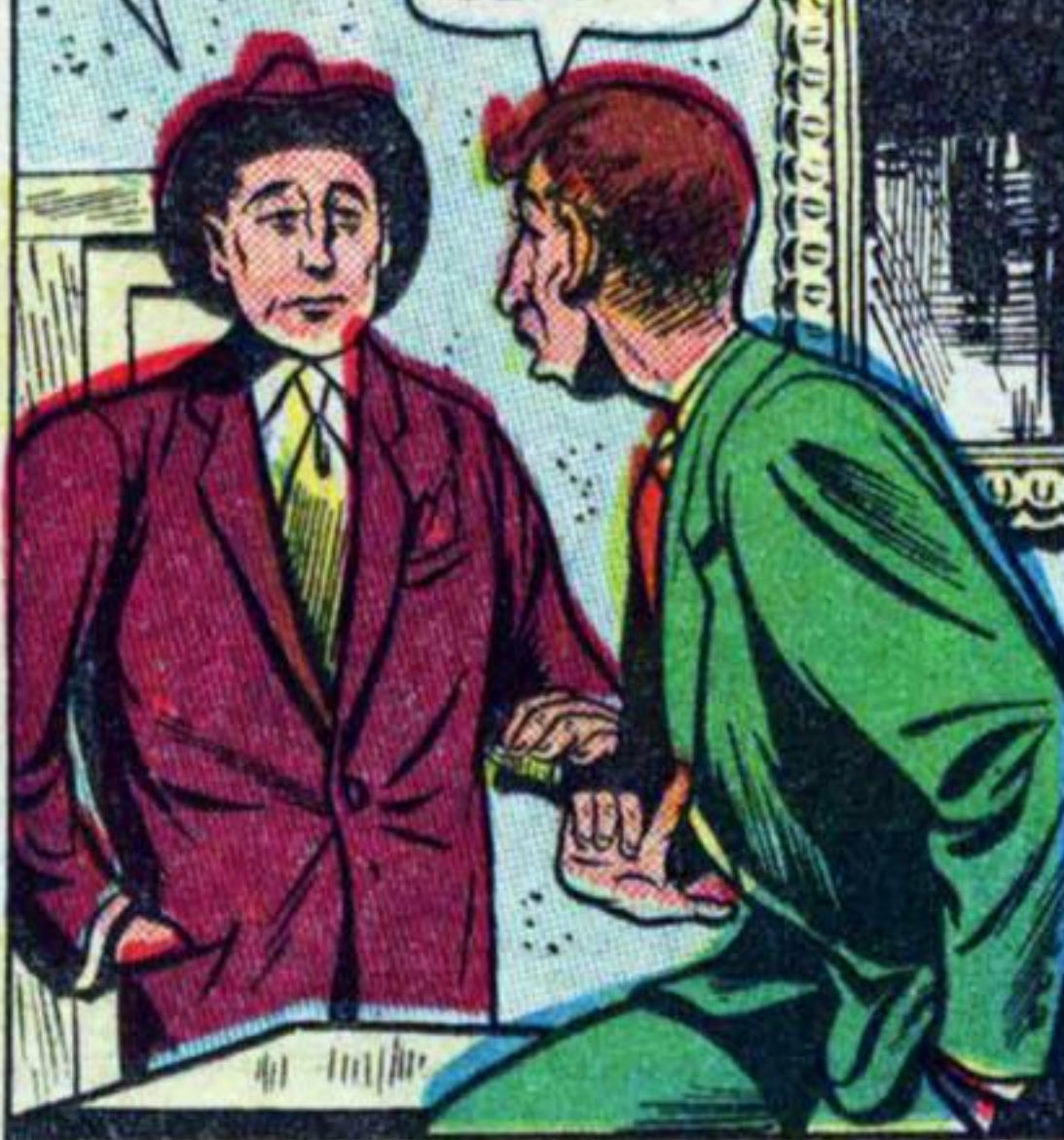
THE DOUGH'S REALLY POURIN' IN ON THE HORNETS, CHUCK!

THE HORNETS ARE TWO-TO-ONE FAVORITES, AN' GOIN' UP! WE'LL CLEAR HALF A MILLION BETTIN' ON THE JAYS! GET PETE AN' LULU!



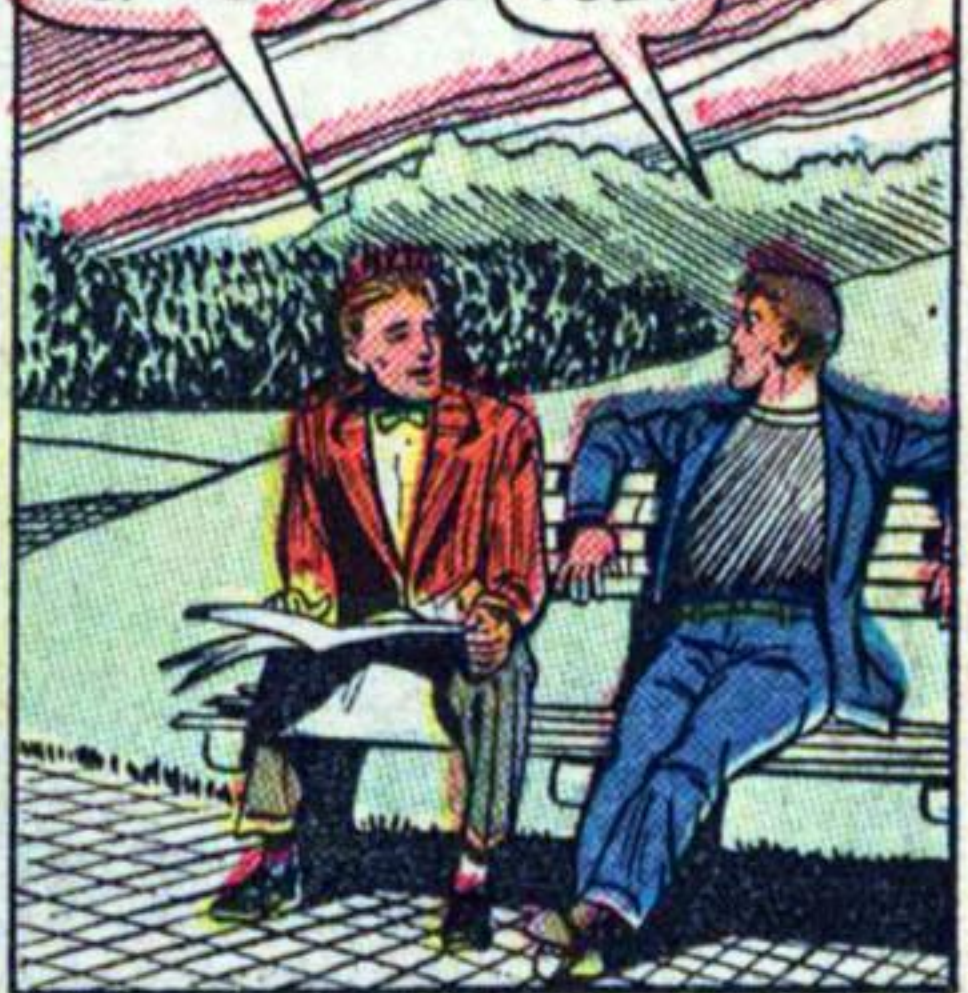
WHAT'S UP, CHUCK? WE'RE RARIN' TO GO!

GRAB ROBBY MARLOW AND BRUISER WILLIAMS! I WANT 'EM WORKED OVER TILL THEY CAN'T WALK! THEY'RE NOT PLAYIN' FOR THE HORNETS SUNDAY!



IT SAYS HERE I WON THE GAME SINGLE-HANDED, BRUISER! WHERE WERE YOU FOR THAT GAME?

I GET ALL THE BROKEN BONES AND YOU GET THE HEADLINES! YOU'D BE HELPLESS WITHOUT ME IN THERE BLOCKING FOR YOU!

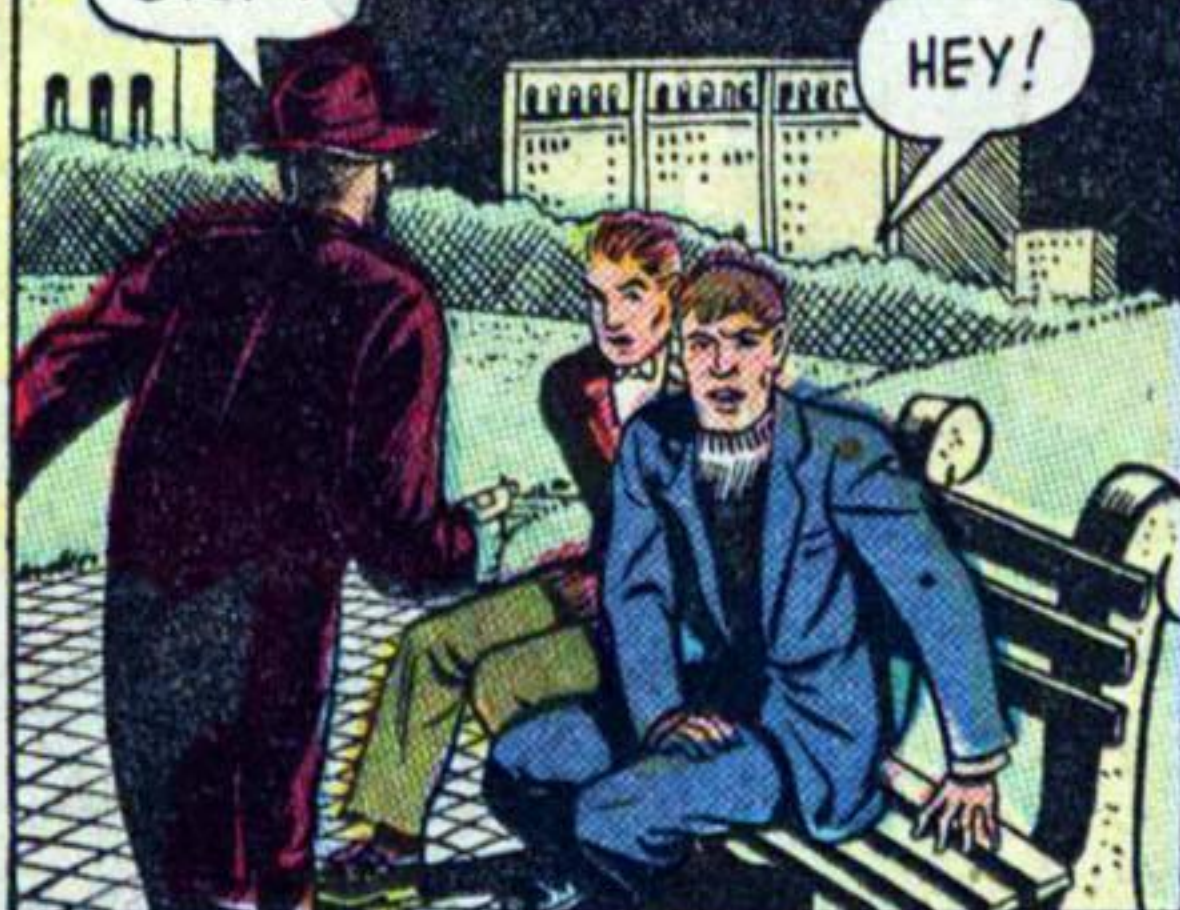


SKIP RAVELLI'S LIABLE TO RUN WILD AGAINST US! HE'S GREASED LIGHTNING!

DON'T WORRY, WE CAN HANDLE ANYBODY THE JAYS THROW AT US!



MAKE A PEEP AN' I'LL PUT A TUNNEL IN YUH! LULU, TAKE CARE O' THE BIG SLOB! CHUCK WANTS A GOOD JOB ON THESE GUYS! WALK TOWARD THE LAKE, MARLOW! WE WOULDN'T WANT ANYONE WATCHIN' WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO... IT'D MAKE 'EM SICK!



HEY, ROBBY, ARE WE GONNA LET--

DO AS THE MAN SAYS, BRUISER! YOU REMEMBER THE MOUSE TRAP, DON'T YOU?



MOUSE TRAP... FOOTBALL SLANG FOR ENTICING A SUCKER INTO A TRAP-- THEN DROPPING THE ROOF ON HIM!

NOW, MARLOW, YOU'RE GETTIN' AN ARTISTIC SHELLACKIN'! YUH WON'T BE ABLE TUH WALK NEXT SUNDAY!

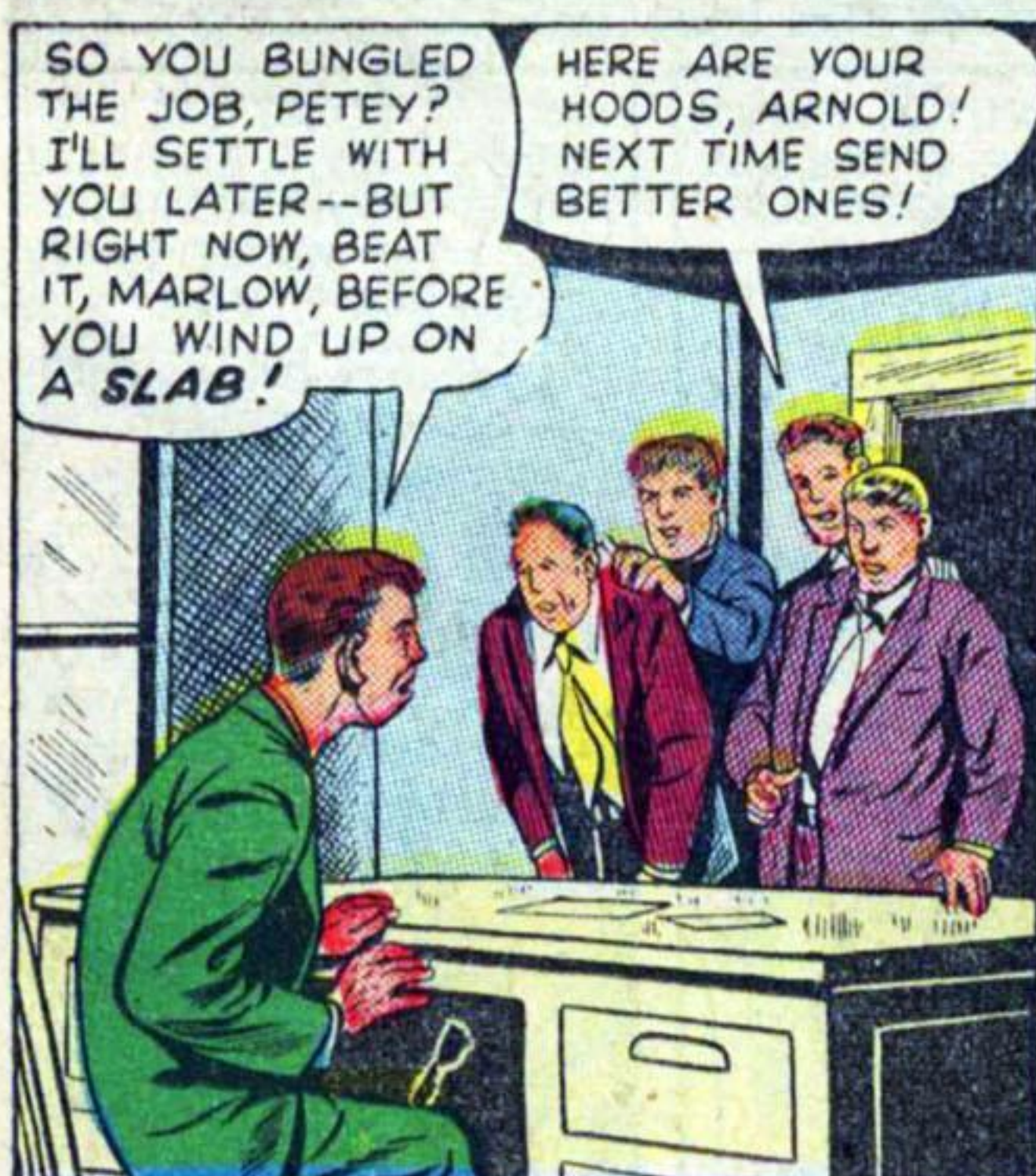
YOU HAVE THE GUN, PUNK! NOW YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT! GET 'EM, BRUISER!



LOOK OUT, LULU! SMASH 'IM -- UNGH!

USE THE ROD ON THIS GUY, PETEY! A PIPE AIN'T... GET BACK! STAY AWAY FROM ME!







OYSTER POINT, GINO! THESE GUYS ARE SPENDING THE WEEK-END AT THE BEACH, TILL AFTER THE GAME TOMORROW! GET ROLLIN'!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, ARNOLD! THEY'LL GET YOU AND YOUR MOB-- SOONER THAN YOU THINK!



THIS IS A NICE CHEERFUL PLACE, CHUCK! THIS LOOKS LIKE A SWELL PLACE TO BE BURIED!

ONE WRONG MOVE AND YOU **WILL** BE, MARLOW! PLUG 'EM, BOYS, IF THEY GET RESTLESS!

GAME TIME, THE NEXT DAY --ARNOLD AND HIS HOOD! CROWD CONFIDENTLY AROUND THE RADIO!



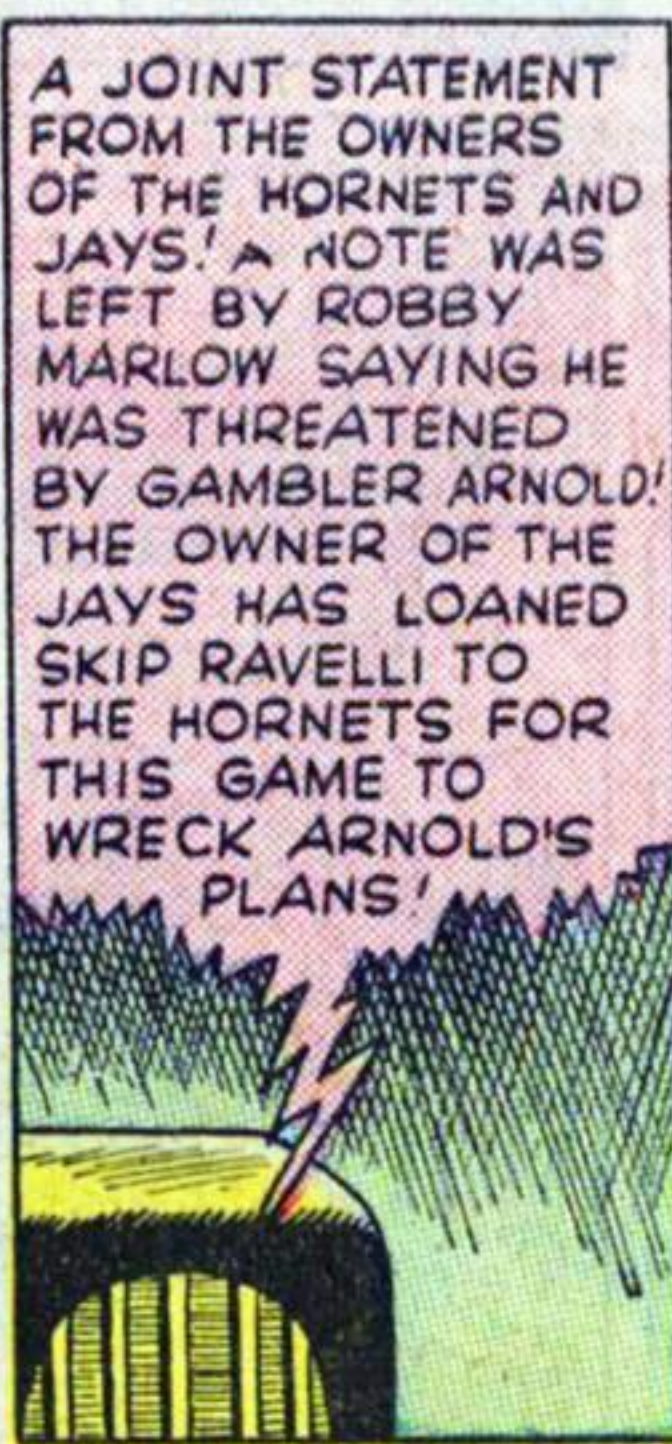
WELL, THE BIG GAME IS HERE AT LAST! THE HORNETS AND CHICAGO JAYS, AND IT PROMISES TO BE A PULL BETWEEN ROBBY MARLOW, OF THE HORNETS, AND SKIP RAVELLI -- OH-OH! HOLD IT, FOLKS!... I HAVE A SENSATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT--



MARLOW, THE RUNNING STAR OF THE HORNETS, IS MISSING TOGETHER WITH BRUISER WILLIAMS! THEY WERE NOT IN THEIR ROOM THIS MORNING! IT LOOKS BAD FOR THE HORNETS!

I'LL MAKE PLENTY ON THIS, MARLOW! CHUCK ARNOLD NEVER MISSES!

WAIT A MINUTE, ARNOLD-- YOU HAVE A SURPRISE COMING!



A JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE OWNERS OF THE HORNETS AND JAYS! A NOTE WAS LEFT BY ROBBY MARLOW SAYING HE WAS THREATENED BY GAMBLER ARNOLD! THE OWNER OF THE JAYS HAS LOANED SKIP RAVELLI TO THE HORNETS FOR THIS GAME TO WRECK ARNOLD'S PLANS!



TWO HOURS LATER...

SKIP RAVELLI'S INSPIRED PLAYING HAS PUT THE HORNETS 27 POINTS AHEAD! CHUCK ARNOLD, WHEREVER HE IS, MUST BE A VERY UNHAPPY MAN!

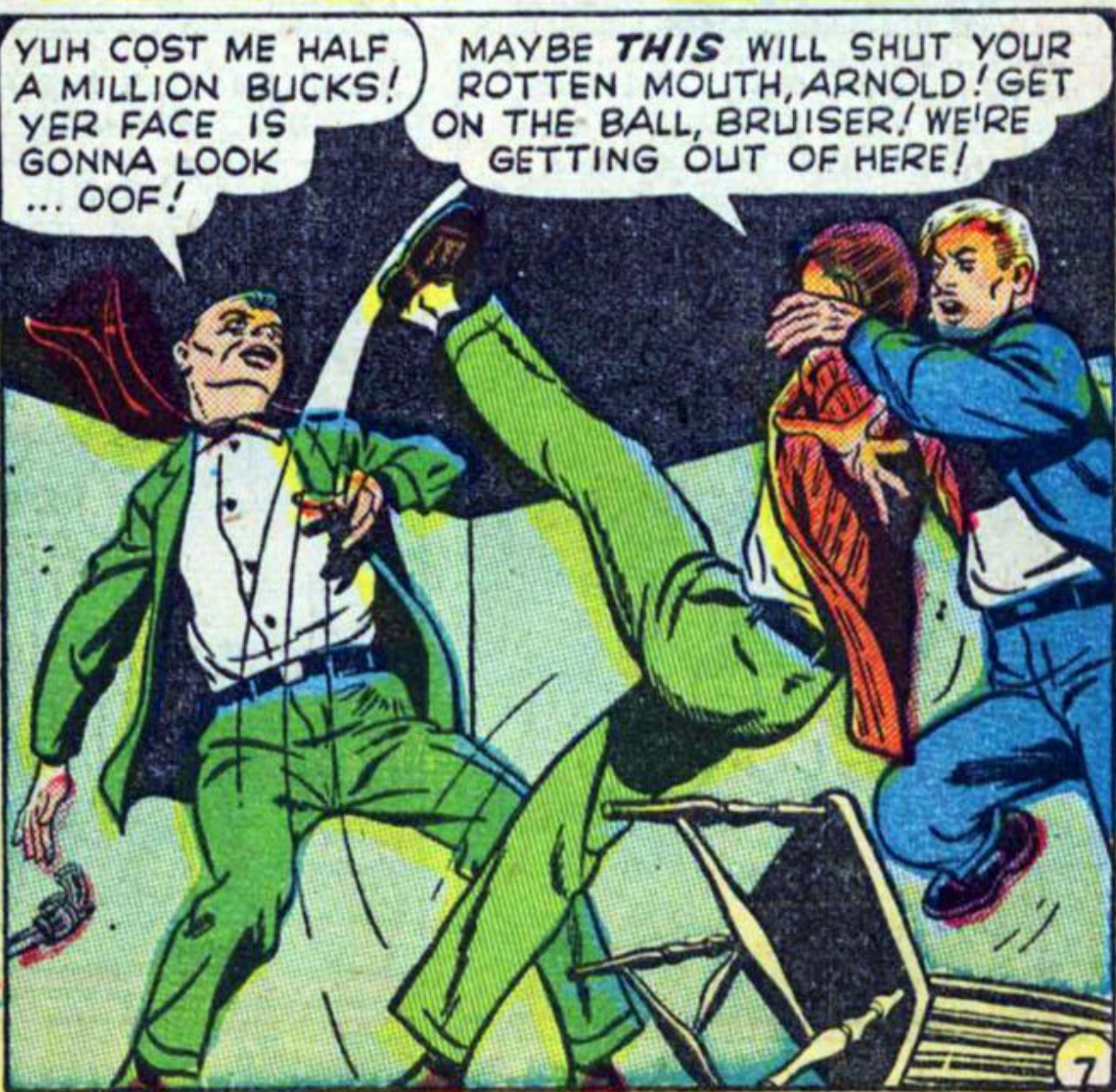
NOT AS UNHAPPY AS YOU'RE GONNA BE, MARLOW! I'M GONNA **KILL** YUH!



YUH CAN'T WRECK MY GAME! I'M GONNA BASH YER BRAINS OUT!

ENJOY YOURSELF, ARNOLD! YOU'LL GET YOURS ONE OF -- LINGH!

CRACK!



YUH COST ME HALF A MILLION BUCKS! YER FACE IS GONNA LOOK ... OOF!

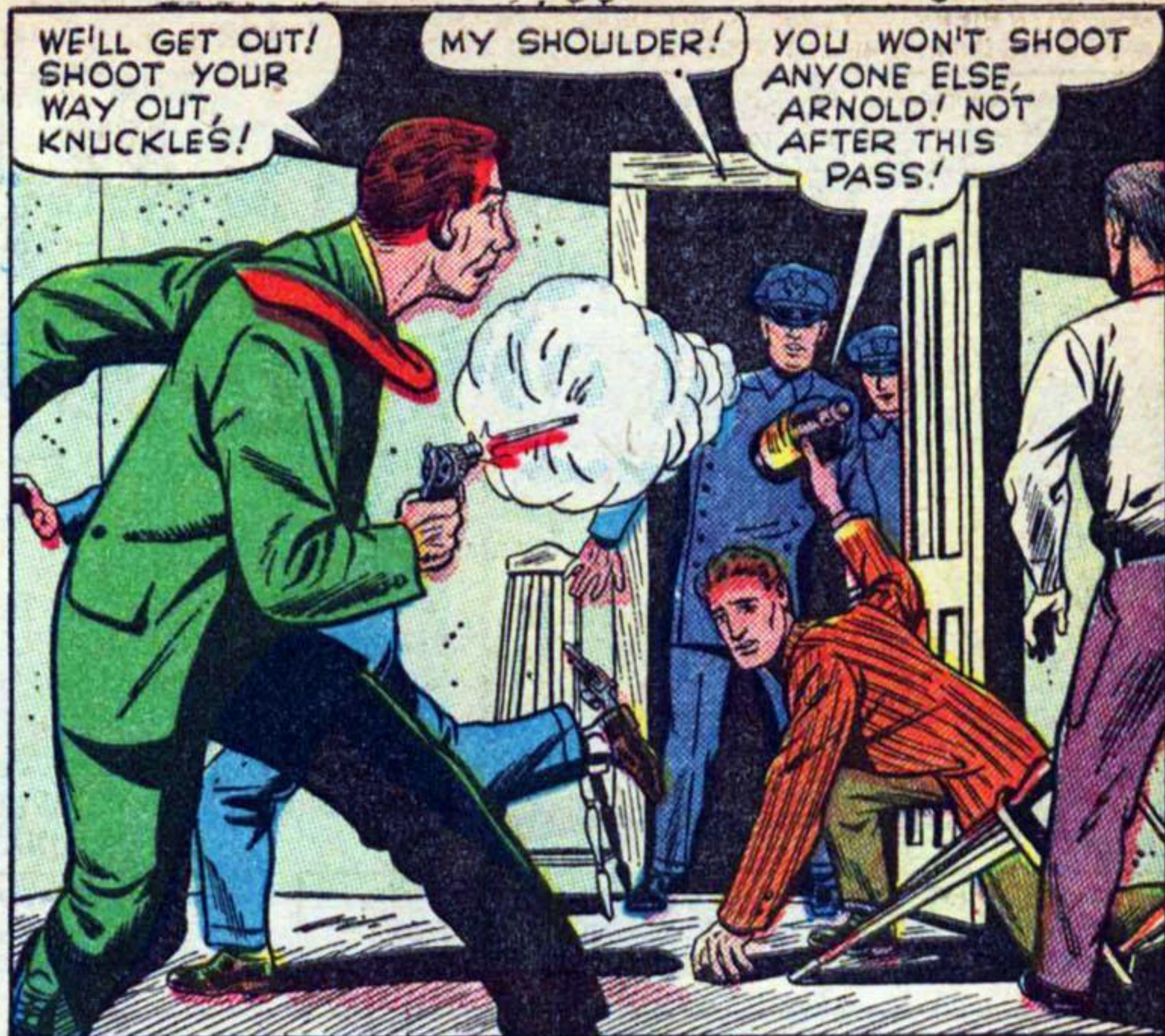
MAYBE **THIS** WILL SHUT YOUR ROTTEN MOUTH, ARNOLD! GET ON THE BALL, BRUISER! WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!



IT WAS HOPELESS... GUNS AGAINST FISTS! HOPELESS UNTIL...

OKAY, WISE GUY, HERE YUH GO! HEY--IT'S THE BULLS!

DROP THE GUN, ARNOLD! WE HAVE THE HOUSE SURROUNDED!



WE'LL GET OUT! SHOOT YOUR WAY OUT, KNUCKLES!

MY SHOULDER!

YOU WON'T SHOOT ANYONE ELSE, ARNOLD! NOT AFTER THIS PASS!



I'LL GET --UNGH!

BULL'S-EYE! BRUISER, GO TO WORK ON THESE OTHER PUNKS!

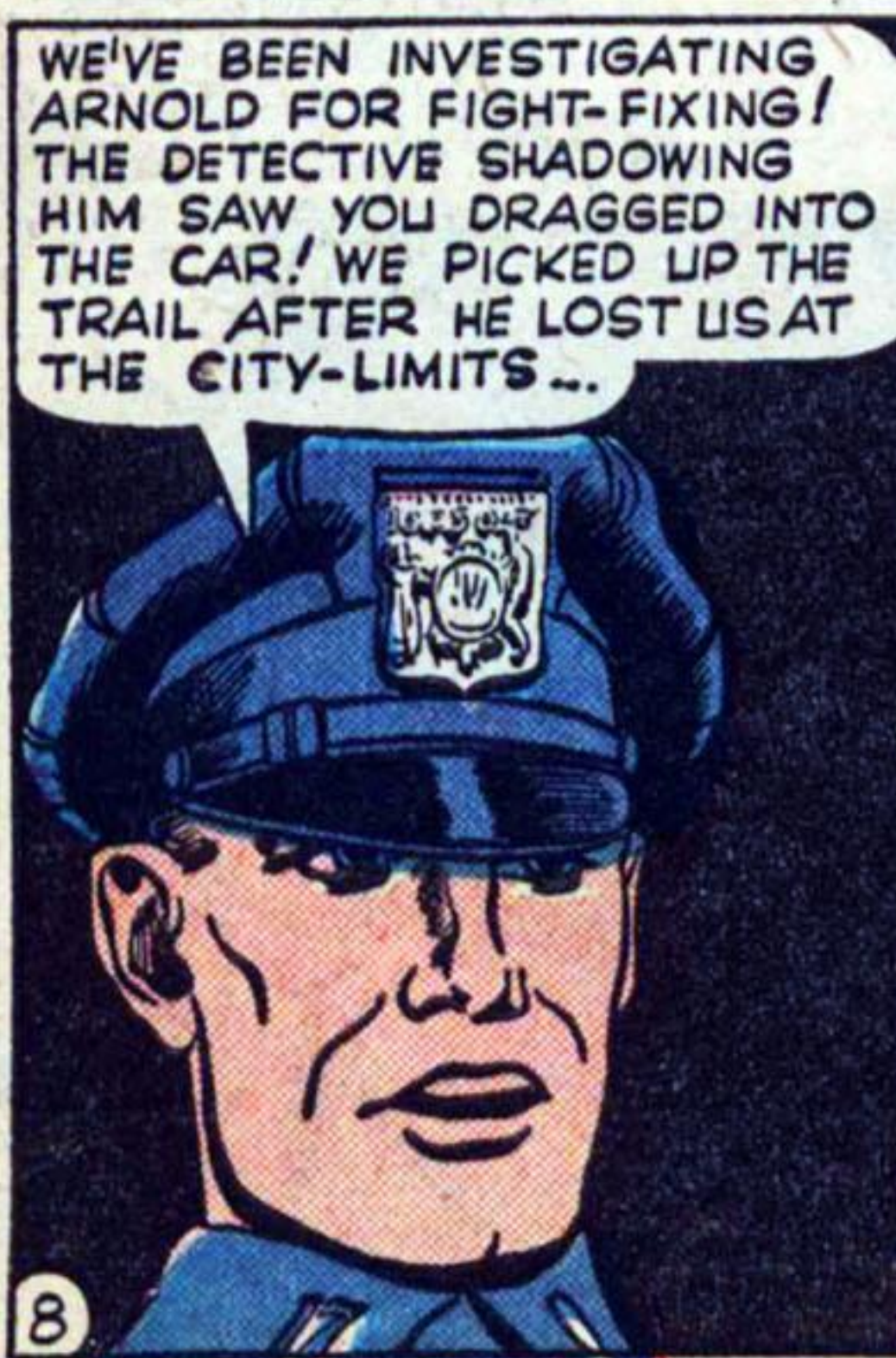


I'M LAMMIN' OUTTA--OOOF!



THE DEPARTMENT OWES YOU MEN A LOT FOR HELPING US CAPTURE ARNOLD AND HIS CROWD!

WE'RE EVEN, LIEUTENANT! WE'D BE PUSHIN' UP DAISIES IF YOU HADN'T GOT HERE WHEN YOU DID! HOW'D YOU LOCATE US?



WE'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING ARNOLD FOR FIGHT-FIXING! THE DETECTIVE SHADOWING HIM SAW YOU DRAGGED INTO THE CAR! WE PICKED UP THE TRAIL AFTER HE LOST US AT THE CITY-LIMITS...



CHUCK ARNOLD, THE FIXER, WAS SENTENCED ON MARCH 18, 1934!

AMERICAN SPORTS COULD NOT LONG SURVIVE SPOILAGE BY MEN OF YOUR TYPE, ARNOLD! I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT AT HARD LABOR IN THE STATE PRISON!



YES, ARNOLD WAS SMART... OUR PRISONS ARE JAMMED WITH MEN WHO PLAY THE ANGLES! THEY NEVER LEARN!

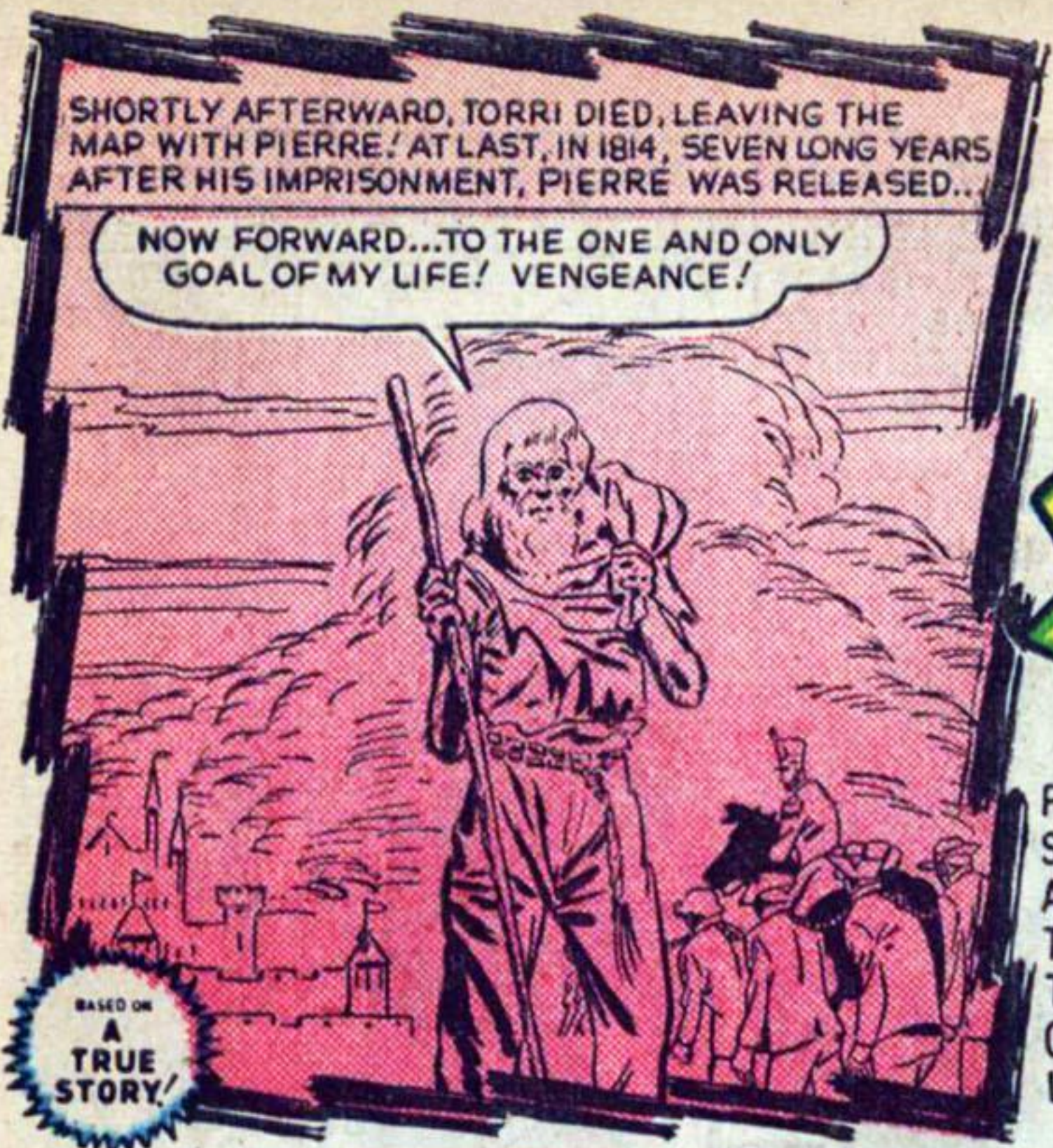
LISTEN, KNUCKLES, I GOT A SCHEME FOR CRACKIN' OUT OF--HUH?

I SAID--SHUT UP BEFORE I SHUT YUH UP! IF I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YUH BEFORE, I WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW!

THE END

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, TORRI DIED, LEAVING THE MAP WITH PIERRE! AT LAST, IN 1814, SEVEN LONG YEARS AFTER HIS IMPRISONMENT, PIERRE WAS RELEASED...

NOW FORWARD...TO THE ONE AND ONLY GOAL OF MY LIFE! VENGEANCE!



PIERRE PICAUD
BORN: 1787 IN NIMES, FRANCE DIED: 1821

HE RETURNED FROM A LIVING GRAVE!

FEW PEOPLE KNOW THAT ALEXANDRE DUMAS' IMMORTAL STORY, "THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO," HAD ITS SOURCE IN A TRUE AND REAL EVENT... SO MOVING AND FANTASTIC THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE FICTION! IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER THE FRENCH REVOLUTION... AT WHICH TIME THE PRACTICE OF ACCUSING INNOCENT PERSONS OF TREASON WAS OFTEN USED BY UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE... TO GET THEIR UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS IMPRISONED...

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OUR ACCOUNT, STARTS IN THE FRENCH CITY OF NIMES WHEN A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN GREETED AN INNKEEPER WHO PRETENDED TO BE HIS FRIEND...

LOUPIEN, CONGRATULATE ME! I'M THE HAPPIEST OF MEN... I AM ENGAGED TO MARGUERITE VIGOROUX... THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN NIMES!

AND THE RICHEST!

I WISH YOU LUCK, PIERRE PICAUD! LET'S DRINK ON IT!



GENTLEMEN, PIERRE HAS BECOME ENGAGED TO MARGUERITE... A LUCKY CIRCUMSTANCE, TO BE SURE!

LUCKY FELLOW-- YOU'LL BE **BATHING IN MONEY!**

THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT, ALLUT, IT IS HER **LOVE** I WANT!



HARDLY HAD PIERRE PICAUD SAID GOOD-BYE WHEN...

WELL, LOUPIEN, IT APPEARS THAT YOU HAVE LOST MARGUERITE **AND** HER IMMENSE FORTUNE!

PERHAPS, CHAUBERT, IT DOES APPEAR SO, BUT... I HAVE NOT GIVEN UP YET! IF I, WITH THE HELP OF SOME GOOD FRIENDS, SHOULD SUCCEED IN GETTING RID OF PIERRE PICAUD, AND IN MARRYING MARGUERITE... I PLEDGE, HERE, TO LET THEM SHARE IN MARGUERITE'S FORTUNE!

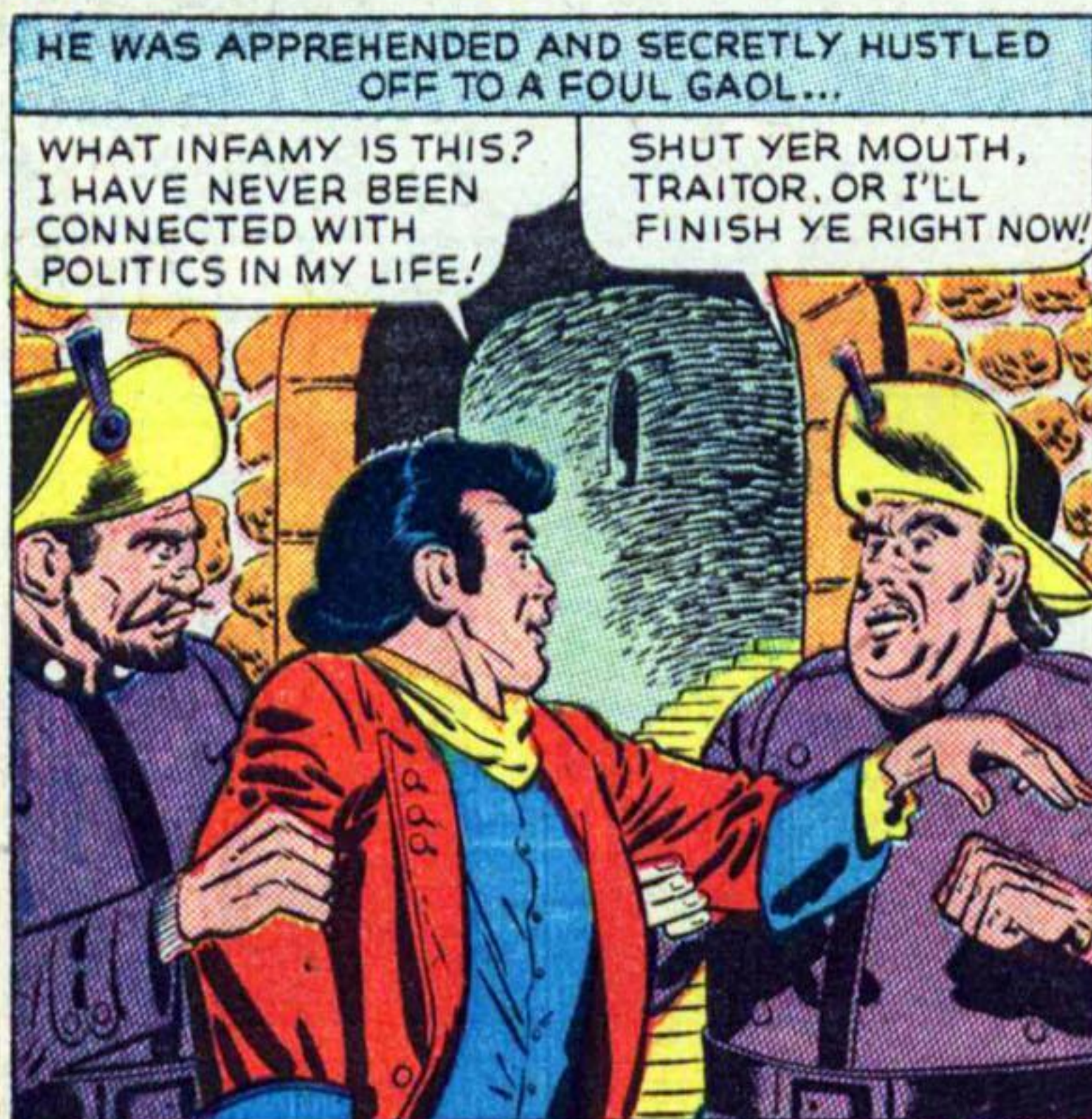


THE HAPPY LOVERS HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT FATE WAS IN STORE FOR THEM...

MARGUERITE, MY DARLING, I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!



ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE STORY ARE FICTITIOUS
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THIS STORY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL



MEANWHILE, IN THE HORRIBLE PRISON AT FENESTRELLE, THE PLEAS OF PIERRE PICAUD LIKEWISE FELL ON DEAF EARS!

LISTEN, FRIEND! I'M BEGGING YOU ON MY KNEES... TELL ME SOMETHING! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT! HOW LONG, IN HEAVEN'S NAME, ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP ME HERE?



A YEAR LATER, THE POOR DOOMED MAN'S PLEADING STILL WENT UNHEEDED!

MERCY! PLEASE, DON'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO AN INNOCENT MAN? AT LEAST LET ME WRITE A FEW LINES TO MY FIANCEE!



YES, IN 2 SHORT YEARS PICAUD'S HAIR HAD TURNED WHITE AND HE WAS MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE!

TWO YEARS WENT BY AND PIERRE PICAUD WAS STILL IN THE DUNGEON! THE CALENDAR SHOWED 1809.

I KNOW YOU'LL GIVE ME NO ANSWER... I'M MERELY TALKING TO HEAR THE SOUND OF MY VOICE AGAIN! BUT I TELL YOU THIS... IF I SHOULD EVER GET OUT OF THIS VILE HOLE, I SHALL REPAY THE FIEND WHO HAS DONE THIS TO ME, A HUNDREDFOLD!



AND MATHIEU LOUPIEN BECAME MORE ARDUOUS AND TENACIOUS IN HIS DECLARATIONS OF LOVE...

I KNOW IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO FORGET HIM, MARGUERITE, BUT I'M SURE HE'S NO LONGER AMONG THE LIVING... OTHERWISE YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD FROM HIM! CONSENT TO BE MY WIFE... AND I WILL GIVE YOU PARADISE ON EARTH!



FINALLY, MARGUERITE GAVE HER CONSENT! THERE WAS A WEDDING AND A BRIDE... BUT A BRIDE WITHOUT A SMILE!

THE GUESTS ARE ALL ARRIVED, DOMINE-- LET US PROCEED!

PIERRE! PIERRE! WHAT HAS BECOME OF YOU?



MARGUERITE! I REPEAT -- DO YOU TAKE...

OH... I'M SORRY! YES-- I DO!



WHILE IN FENESTRELLE PRISON... THE SUMMER OF 1810 HAD ARRIVED WHEN, ONE DAY, PIERRE PICAUD SUDDENLY HEARD A DISTINCT SOUND FROM THE NEIGHBORING CELL! THE SOUND OF A LONELY VOICE...

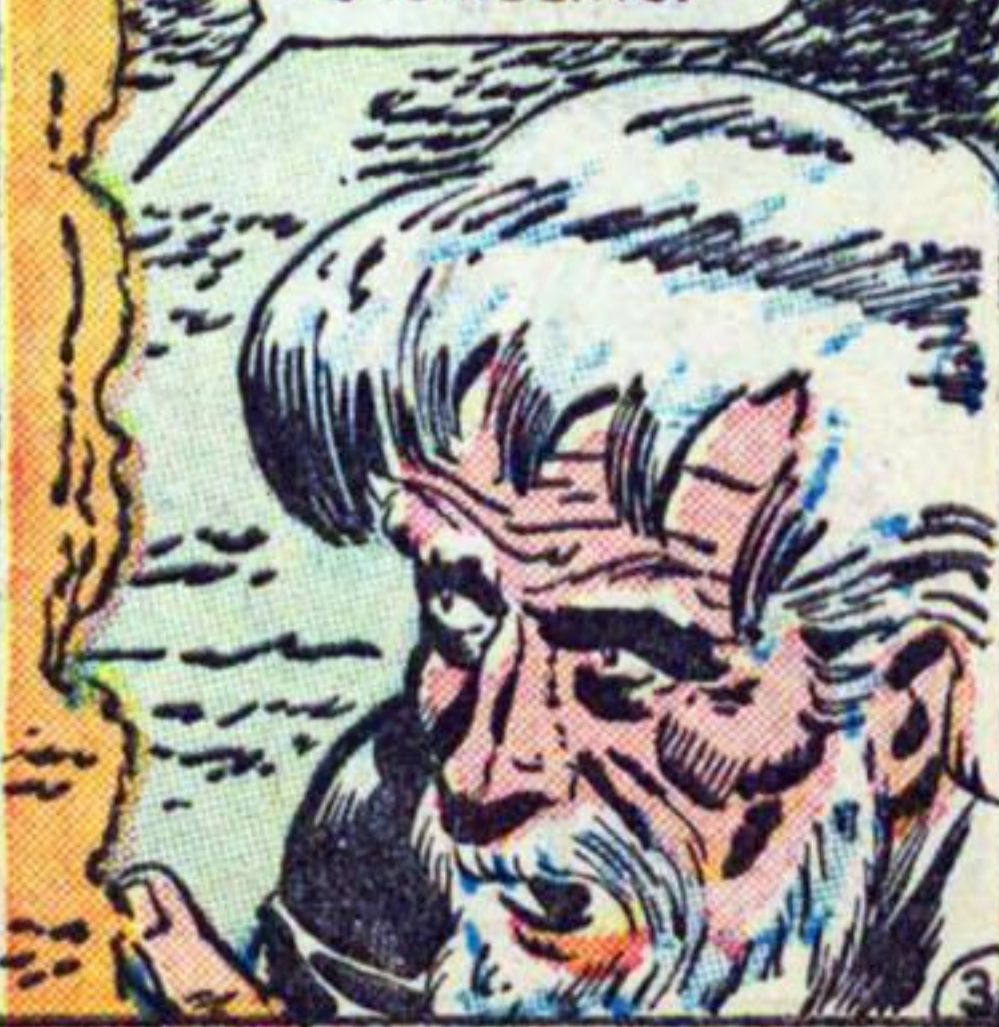
WHA... WHAT? DOES MY EAR DECEIVE ME? NO, THERE IS A VOICE...

HELLO! CAN YOU HEAR ME? ANSWER IF YOU CAN!



IT WAS THE VOICE OF ANDRE TORRI, A FELLOW PRISONER! PIERRE PICAUD ANSWERED AT ONCE! WHAT ANDRE TORRI TOLD HIM SEEMED FANTASTIC BUT...

THE SOUTHERN WALL THAT SEPARATES US IS CRUMBLING... CRUMBLING... CRUMBLING!



FROM THAT MOMENT ON, BOTH MEN WORKED FRANTICALLY ON THEIR DIFFICULT TASK... BUT THE YEAR 1812 CAME BEFORE PIERRE SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING THE LAST STONE...

TORRI! TORRI! IT'S THE LAST STONE! WE CAN SHAKE HANDS NOW!



YOU'RE SHAKING AN OLD AND CRIPPLED HAND, MY FRIEND! YEARS AGO, MY EVIL COUSIN HAD ME THROWN INTO THIS AWFUL JAIL BECAUSE I WOULD NOT REVEAL TO HIM WHERE I'D HIDDEN THE TREASURE MY FATHER LEFT ME!



I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU, PIERRE PICAUD, BUT AS I AM GOING TO DIE SOON, AND AS YOU HAVE SUFFERED AS I HAVE, I AM LEAVING MY FORTUNE TO YOU! I HAVE DRAWN A MAP SHOWING WHERE THE TREASURE IS LOCATED... I SHALL PASS IT TO YOU THROUGH THE HOLE! USE IT WELL!



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HE BEGGED HIS WAY TO MILAN, IN ITALY... AND THERE HE PLUNGED INTO THE UNDERGROUND VAULTS, FOR THERE, ACCORDING TO TORRI'S MAP, THE TREASURE WAS HIDDEN...

NOW... TURN TO THE RIGHT, TWICE, ... AND THEN... TURN LEFT!



ANDRE TORRI'S FORTUNE WAS NOT A MYTH! PIERRE PICAUD, IN A MOMENT, BECAME ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN IN EUROPE...

TORRI -- MY FRIEND! LOOK AT THAT! IT MEANS THE FULFILLMENT OF MY VENGEANCE!



SHORTLY THEREAFTER, A SEEMINGLY NEW PERSON EMERGED FROM AN ELEGANT MEN'S TAILOR SHOP IN MILAN...

SIGNOR, I'LL BET YOUR BEST FRIEND WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU NOW!

WE SHALL SOON SEE ABOUT THAT!



PIERRE PICAUD RETURNED TO NIMES AND, AS THE TAILOR SAID, HE WAS UNRECOGNIZED AND UNKNOWN...

OH, NO, SIR-- THE FORMER OWNER OF THIS CAFÉ SOLD IT YEARS AGO TO THE PRESENT OWNER!

HMMM... THANK YOU, WAITER! PERHAPS I SHALL FIND SOME FORMER ACQUAINTANCE OF LOUPIEN WHO CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!



AT THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH SHOP, A SHORT TIME LATER...

EXCUSE ME, SIR, MY NAME IS ARELLE... THEY TELL ME YOU'RE ONE OF THE OLD TIMERS AROUND HERE, AND COULD GIVE ME SOME INFORMATION ABOUT PEOPLE WHO USED TO LIVE HERE!

CERTAINLY, ARELLE. SIT DOWN! I HAVE BEEN THE BLACKSMITH OF NIMES FOR MANY YEARS-- MY NAME IS ALLUT! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

I AM LOOKING FOR A MAN NAMED MATHIEU LOUPIEN WHO USED TO OWN THE INN... WHERE COULD I FIND HIM?

OH, HE AND HIS WIFE WENT TO PARIS YEARS AGO! HE OWNS A RESTAURANT THERE-- HIS WIFE WAS THE RICHEST AND PRETTIEST GIRL IN NIMES!

THAT... INTERESTS ME! ALLUT... MANY YEARS AGO I WAS IMPRISONED WITH A MAN WHO MADE ME PLEDGE ON HIS DEATHBED, THAT I WOULD FIND OUT WHO HAD HIM THROWN INTO GAOL! HIS NAME WAS... PIERRE PICAUD!

PICAUD! I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS!

I AM A RICH MAN, ALLUT, AND I MEAN TO KEEP MY PROMISE! I'M PREPARED TO PAY WELL FOR ANY INFORMATION! IF I CAN LEARN THE DETAILS OF THE STORY, AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT... I'M WILLING TO PAY WITH THIS DIAMOND WHICH IS WORTH A FORTUNE!

AAAAGH! NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH A JEWEL IN MY WHOLE LIFE!

ONCE AGAIN GREED OVERCAME THE MIGHTY BLACKSMITH AND, WITHIN THE HOUR, PIERRE PICAUD, ALIAS ARELLE, HAD THE NAMES OF ALL THE CONSPIRATORS WHO HAD CAUSED HIS MISERY... EXCEPT THAT OF ALLUT HIMSELF... AS FOR HIM...

I WANT TO SELL THIS DIAMOND! HOW MUCH CAN I GET?

HMMM... AN EXCELLENT GEM! I'LL GIVE YOU TEN THOUSAND GOLD DUCATS FOR IT!

BUT THE NEXT DAY...

WHA... WHAT IS THIS? THE DIRTY JEWELER HAS SOLD THE DIAMOND FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND GOLD DUCATS! NAME OF A DOG!

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RAGE AND GREED SEIZED ALLUT FURIOUSLY...

CHEAT! CROOK! YOU SOLD MY DIAMOND FOR TEN TIMES WHAT YOU PAID ME FOR IT!

I SOLD THE GEM TO M. ARELLE! IS THAT NOT MY RIGHT?

AND THUS WAS MURDER DONE!

ARELLE! NAME OF A PIG! YOU CAN SAY YOUR PRAYER RIGHT NOW!

MERCY! HELP! AARRRRGH!

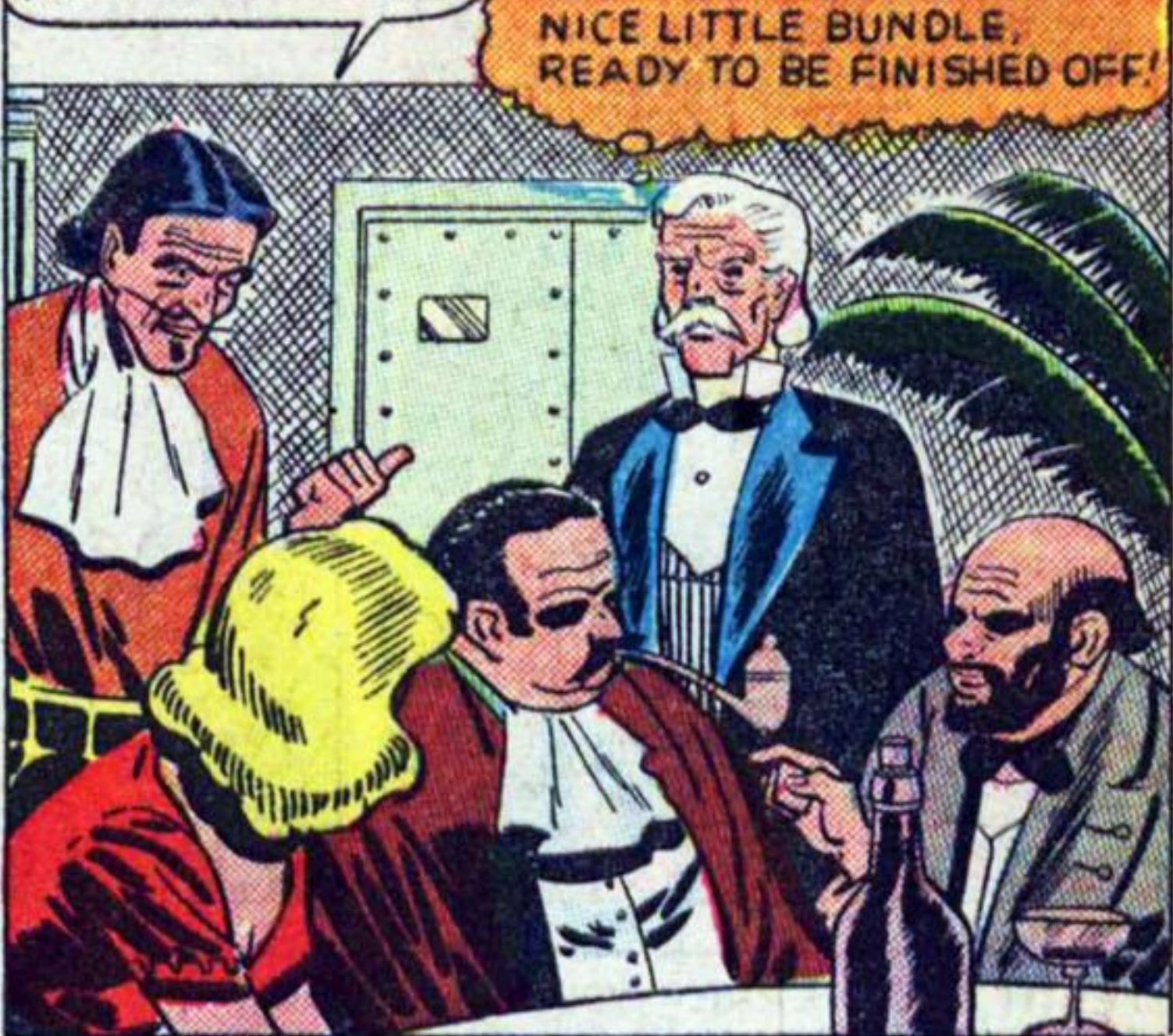
PIERRE PICAUD'S NEXT STEP TOOK HIM TO PARIS! HE CHANGED HIS FINE CLOTHES FOR MORE SIMPLE ATTIRE, AND PRESENTED HIMSELF AT THE RESTAURANT LOUPIEN! AGAIN HE WAS UNRECOGNIZED...



I'M STRONG AND CAPABLE, MR. LOUPIEN, AND I HAVE BEEN A WAITER ALL MY LIFE!

HMMM... VERY WELL, MY GOOD MAN, YOU'RE HIRED!

THIS IS ARELLE, OUR NEW WAITER! SHOW HIM HIS DUTIES...



AHHH! THERE SHE IS! AND SOLARI AND CHAUBERT, TOO! ALL TOGETHER IN A NICE LITTLE BUNDLE, READY TO BE FINISHED OFF!

SUDDENLY A CHAIN OF GHASTLY CRIMES PLUNGED THE LOUPIEN ESTABLISHMENT INTO TERROR...

WHA... WHAT? CHAUBERT... STABBED! AND THIS NUMBER... WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



WHILE A STRANGE MAGNETISM SEEMED TO DRAW MARGUERITE'S THOUGHTS CONSTANTLY TO THE NEW WAITER... ARELLE...

THOSE EYES... WHERE HAVE I SEEN THOSE EYES BEFORE?



I MUST HAVE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE!

YOUR WINE, MR. SOLARI! A NEW VINTAGE... I'M SURE YOU WILL NEVER TASTE ANOTHER LIKE IT!



TEN MINUTES LATER...

SOLARI! DEAD! NUMBER TWO!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



WHAT HORRIBLE POWER IS BEHIND ALL THIS? I... I... I'LL LEAVE FRANCE! I'LL GET AWAY! TOMORROW, I'LL STEAL AWAY-- NOBODY WILL KNOW!



BUT THAT NIGHT...

NOW, LOUPIEN, IT IS YOUR TURN AT LAST!



IN A MOMENT THE RESTAURANT LOUPIEN BECAME AN INFERNO...

HELP! HELP! MY HUSBAND-- IN THERE!

DON'T WORRY, MADAME, I'M GOING TO GET HIM-- RIGHT NOW!



IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS, LOUPIEN WAS TO PAY FOR HIS CRIMES... IN A HORRIBLE WAY!

THIS IS THE END, LOUPIEN! NOW YOU GO TO THE ETERNAL FIRE WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF... PIERRE PICAUD!

PICAUD! OOOOHHH!



MOMENTS LATER...

YOUR HUSBAND IS WHERE HE BELONGS, MARGUERITE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A NEW ONE NOW?

AT LAST I RECOGNIZE THOSE EYES!!! IT IS PIERRE PICAUD!



YES, IT IS I, PIERRE--YOUR FIANCÉE WHOM YOU THOUGHT NEVER TO SEE AGAIN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT CAN'T BE! IT...



BUT AT THAT MOMENT, THE BLACKSMITH ALLUT APPEARED ON THE SCENE... DRIVEN MAD BY THE NOTION THAT PICAUD HAD BOUGHT BACK THE GEM HE HAD GIVEN HIM... AND DETERMINED TO REGAIN THE GEM... NO MATTER WHAT THE COST!

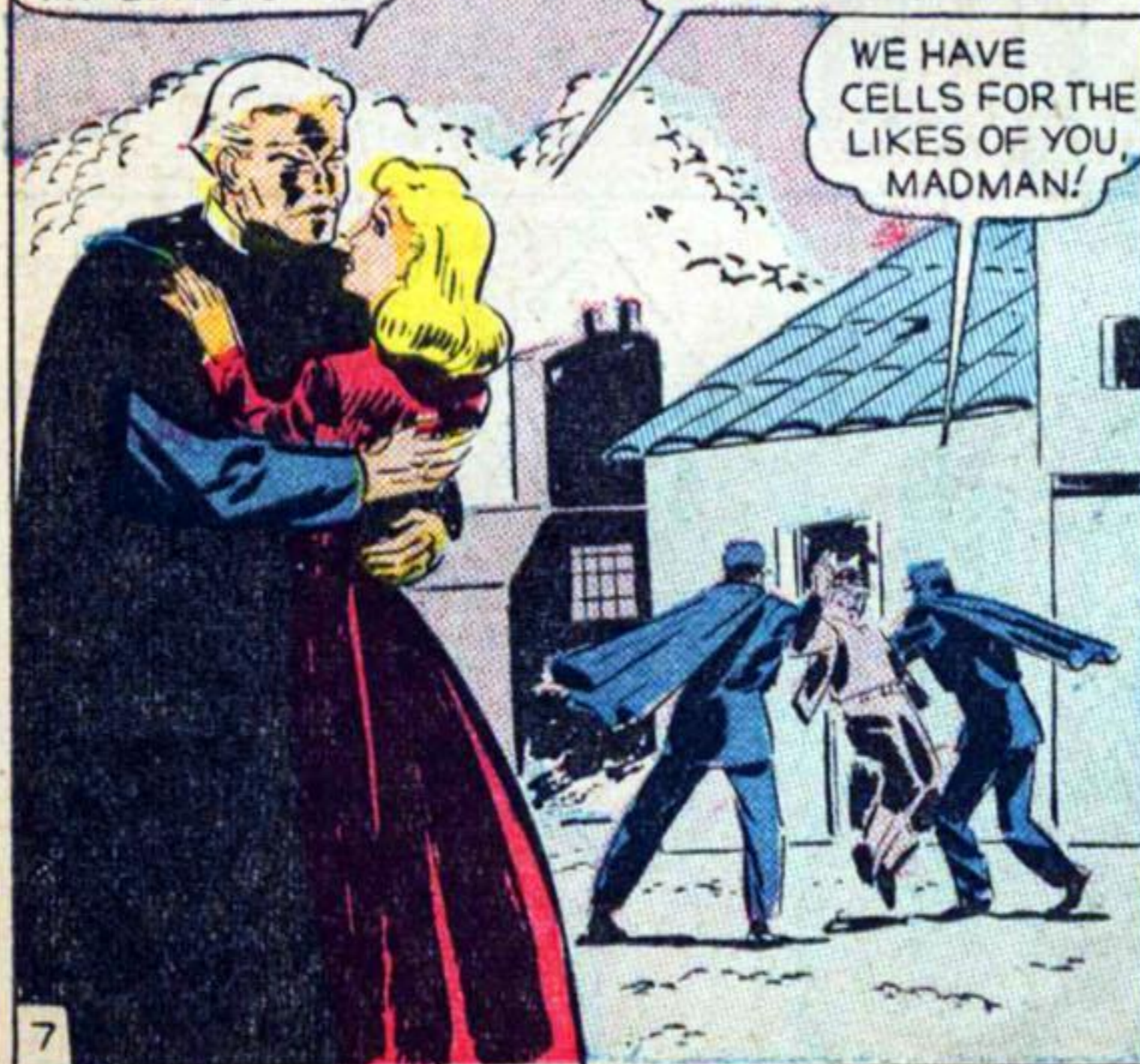
SO, ARELLE... I HAVE FINALLY FOUND YOU!

STOP! HELP! POLICE!



MY QUEST IS ENDED, OH, PIERRE... AT LAST FOR ME MY LOVED ONE!

WE HAVE CELLS FOR THE LIKES OF YOU, MADMAN!



AND THUS ENDED ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC EPISODES IN THE HISTORY OF CRIME... FOR HENRI ALLUT HAD INDEED GONE MAD! HE WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER AND FINISHED HIS DAYS IN ST. NAZAIRE--A PRISON FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE! AND PIERRE PICAUD AND MARGUERITE WERE MARRIED AND LIVED A LIFE OF LUXURY IN PARIS UNTIL PICAUD'S UNTIMELY DEATH FROM CONSUMPTION IN 1821, CAUSED BY HIS LONG CONFINEMENT IN THE DAMP DUNGEON!



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